

REGULAR SESSION PUBLIC HEARING

SCOTT COUNTY COUNCIL

JULY 9, 2024

The Scott County Council met in Regular Session on July 9, 2024, at 5:45 p.m. for a Public Hearing in the Commissioners Room, Suite 128, Courthouse. Council Members present were President JR Ward, Vice President Lyndi Hughbanks, John Miller, Jonathan White, John Collins, and Eric Gillespie. Diane Mullins was absent. Also present were Auditor Jennifer Rode Hamelman, Chief Deputy Auditor Kinley Harmon and Attorney Heather Archibald Peters.

The Public Hearing was called to order by President Ward who opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation given by Eric Gillespie.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, President Ward moved to adjourn the July 9, 2024, Regular Public Hearing. Collins provided the second. Motion carried six to zero.

REGULAR SESSION MEETING

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The Scott County Council met in Regular Session on July 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room, Suite 128, Courthouse. Those present were Council Members: President JR Ward, Vice President Lyndi Hughbanks, John Miller, Jonathan White, John Collins, and Eric Gillespie. Diane Mullins was absent. Also present was Auditor Jennifer Rode Hamelman, Chief Deputy Auditor Kinley Harmon, and Attorney Heather Archibald Peters.

President Ward called the meeting to order and gave Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was given by Eric Gillespie.

MOTION: Miller moved to amend the agenda to bring the Fire Department to the top of the agenda due to the pending weather. Hughbanks provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to zero.

DUSTIN JORDAN & BRAD WILLIAMS-FINLEY TWP. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jordan requested Unrestricted Opioid Settlement Funds to purchase a fire truck from Jennings TWP Fire Department. It is a 1995 Freightliner truck that is set up for rural firefighting and has a top mount pump as well to keep them off the road. Jordan presented a packet describing the equipment being included with the truck including rescue tools, a generator, ventilation fan, and radio. This equipment is included in the \$25,000 for the truck. The Commissioners approved them to use Unrestricted Opioid Settlement Funds to purchase the vehicle. They plan to sell the truck this one will replace.

Jordan stated their annual income through the trustee's office is \$11,005.00 per year. Their insurance cost for 2023 was \$12,952 and is rising. They have discussed raising the fire contract with their Township Trustee but have not done so currently. The Trustee indicated they could possibly increase it to \$14,000.00 per year. They estimate It would take them fourteen years to save up enough money for this truck. They were awarded the Indiana Department of Homeland Security Fire Gear Grant due to how low their budget was. Jordan stated this truck would help them tremendously.

MOTION: White moved to use the Unrestricted Opioid Settlement Fund to award the Finley Township Fire Department \$25,000 to purchase the vehicle. Collins provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to zero.

DWAYNE LORD-JOHNSON TWP. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Lord stated they had received a grant of \$260,000 for fifteen sets of gear, and fifteen air packs. Lord explained the air packs only came with one bottle, and he is requesting fifteen new bottles, a washer and dryer, gear bags, and a rip bag to enhance and protect the gear for the cost is \$30,000.

MOTION: Miller moved to use the Unrestricted Opioid Settlement Fund to award the Johnson Township Fire Department with \$30,000 to purchase equipment. Collins provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to zero.

Public Comment: Marcella Campbell stated when Lyndi was President the public could ask a question before the meeting. She asked if Ward would allow that. Ward responded with "yes". Campbell stated she saw on social media that the Sherriff's Office had passed a jail inspection. She stated that she had heard that a complaint was filed by a couple of the Council members requesting another inspection to be done because the Sherriff had supposedly paid off the first inspector. President Ward stated, "We as a Council that I know have not filed any complaints."

CARISSA MILLER & DYLAN BAKER-CEASE

Additional appropriation of restricted opioid settlements funds was requested for this year. The \$95,944.88 would allow them to grant all the grant requests they have received this year. This will allow them to launch a bereavement support program. Nearly 70% of their suicide and overdose fatality review board cases have been either grief that has led to substance abuse or grieving families who have lost loved ones. The support program would include a peer support person to help connect people to treatment and assist with logistics, and two part-time social workers to provide clinical services.

Auditor Hamelman stated she had not added it to the additional appropriation advertisement sent to the paper and that it will have to be moved to the August meeting to allow proper advertising.

JUDGE MOUNT-CIRCUIT COURT

Judge Mount requested an additional appropriation of \$6,000.00 for mental health evaluations but was unable to attend the meeting.

MOTION: White moved to table Judge Mount's request to the July 12, 2024, special meeting at 9:00 a.m. Hughbanks provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to zero.

ANDREW CAMPBELL-IT

Campbell returned with previously tabled Commissioner Resolution 2023-R-5 requesting ARPA Funds for a cell phone booster. Campbell state quote he received in 2023 for \$28,808.49 is no longer valid and has likely increased by \$2,000.00/\$3,000.00. White asked if they could approve the \$28,808.49, then approve an additional appropriation if it ends up being more. President Ward stated it would have to be out of a different fund. Campbell stated it would be great to have but not until after the remodeling in case walls are moved and signals are disrupted. Collins stated if the money does increase, Campbell will have to go back to The Commissioners for a new Resolution.

MOTION: Hughbanks moved to rescind Ordinance 2024-OR-41 or therefore vote "nay". Collins provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to zero.

Campbell requested a \$20,000.00 additional appropriation for the increased cost of the Microsoft Licenses and stated he did reach out to another vendor regarding the Microsoft licensing, and it was \$10,000 more. He presented Ordinance 2024-OR-42 for \$20,000 to come out of the General Fund to cover the increase in cost for the contract with Dell.

MOTION: Miller moved to accept Ordinance 2024-OR-42. Hughbanks provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to zero.

Campbell stated it was approved at the last Commissioner's meeting pending Council approval and if approved, he can push the contract through tonight.

SHERIFF GOODIN-SHERIFF

Sheriff Goodin presented Ordinance 2024-OR-43 requesting the use of ARPA Funds approved by Commissioner Resolutions 2023-R-17, 2023-R-18 and 2023-R-19 for the Sherriff's Department in the amount of \$163,774.00 to purchase two Dodge Rams and one Dodge Durango. Sheriff Goodin stated that the quotes for the vehicles were still valid.

MOTION: White moved to approve Ordinance 2024-OR-43. Miller provided the second. Motion carried five to one with Gillespie voting no.

Sheriff Goodin presented Ordinance 2024-OR-44 for an additional appropriation from 1170 Public Safety to the Sherriff's Department for the supplies line for \$75,000.00 for tires and parts. President Ward asked how many vehicles they had working. Sheriff Goodin stated it depended on the day, but right now it is 42.

MOTION: White moved to accept Ordinance 2024-OR-44. Miller provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to zero.

JEREMY MCDANIEL-EMA

McDaniel presented Ordinance 2024-OR-45 requesting \$7,500.00 to be appropriated for a yearly training exercise, as well as lunch for those participating. McDaniel stated he was quoted \$6,650.00 for the training and it was required for them to do every year. Once he becomes certified, he can put it on himself to cut costs. A date has not been set yet.

MOTION: Hughbanks moved to create a line item within the 1152 Fund and transfer \$7,500 from Emergency Planning. Collins provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to zero.

NICK OLECK-EMS

Oleck presented his June financials.

Oleck presented Ordinance 2024-OR-46 as an additional appropriation from 1151 Ambulance Service Fund to the various line items. Personal Service: \$50,000.00, Supplies: \$108,000.00 (\$90,000.00 is for blood), Medical Supplies: \$18,000.00, Other Service and Charges: \$45,000.00 (fuel and vehicle maintenance), Capital Outlays: \$7,000.00. All of which is a total of \$210,000.00.

MOTION: Hughbanks moved to approve Ordinance 2024-OR-46. Miller provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to zero.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT CITY OF AUSTIN-AA UNRESTRICTED OPIOID

An Interlocal Agreement was presented allowing the transfer of \$85,000.00 to the City of Austin to only be used for Spicertown Park and park improvements from the Unrestricted Opioid Settlement Funds.

MOTION: White moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement with The City of Austin for \$85,000.00 of Opioid Settlement Funds for the use of building Spicertown Park. Miller provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to zero.

Ordinance 2024-OR-47 is for an additional appropriation from 1238 Unrestricted Opioid Settlement Fund to the City of Austin in the amount of \$85,000.

MOTION: Miller moved to approve Ordinance 2024-OR-47. White provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to zero.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

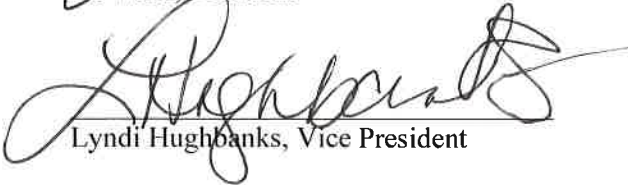
MOTION: Collins moved to approve the June 18, 2024; regular minutes as presented. Miller provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to zero.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, White moved to adjourn the July 9, 2024, Regular Meeting. Miller provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to zero.

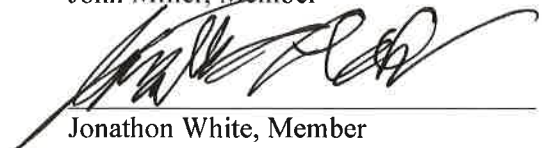

JR Ward, President


John Collins, Member


Lyndi Hughbanks, Vice President

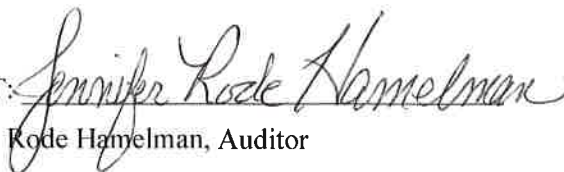

John Miller, Member


Eric Gillespie, Member


Jonathon White, Member

ABSENT

Diane Mullins, Member

ATTEST: 
Jennifer Kode Hamelman, Auditor