

**SPECIAL SESSION**  
**SCOTT COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**JULY 12, 2024**

The Scott County Council met in Regular Session on July 12, 2024, at 9:00 a.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, and Chief Deputy Auditor Kinley Harmon.

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

**MOTION:** Collins moved to amend the agenda to move Circuit Court discussion until Judge Mount arrives. Miller provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to zero.

**NICK OLECK-EMS**

President Ward stated they do not have vehicle replacement cost in their insurance, so some appropriation will have to be made for EMS to purchase a vehicle. Oleck stated the collision was not with another party, and no injuries occurred. The wrecked vehicle was valued at \$27,884.52. After the \$5,000.00 deductible is removed the total is \$22,884.52. The wrecked vehicle was a 2014 Dodge Durango. Oleck requested \$55,000.00 for the replacement vehicle and \$15,000.00 for the equipment. Ordinance 2024-OR-49 for an additional appropriation out of the 1151 EMS Funds for a total of \$70,000.00.

White asked if there was any way to fund the vehicle through LIT Public Safety. President Ward stated as it is advertised today, it will have to come out of 1151. He stated Oleck could readvertise for August. He suggested they could approve Oleck's request then advertise a reimbursement for August. Miller stated he would prefer it be taken out of LIT. Oleck stated he is just waiting for Insurance to pick up the damaged vehicle, then we should receive that check within a week or two.

**MOTION:** Miller moved to approve Ordinance 2024-OR-49. Collins provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to zero.

**BRITTANY COMBS-HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Combs stated she is looking for an additional appropriation of \$7,000.00 for her utilities line. She transferred utility funds to cover the additional insurance increase of \$8,650.00 and now she is short in her utilities line. She put a lot of 1159 was put into Health First, so now there is little money to move around. She has moved \$1,300.00 from workman's comp to utilities, but she needs more to make it through the rest of the year. Combs presented Ordinance 2024-OR-50 for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$7,000.00 to cover utilities.

**MOTION:** White moved to accept Ordinance 2024-OR-50. Hughbanks provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to zero.

#### **JEREMY MCDANIEL-EMA**

McDaniel stated that last night, the air conditioner in the radio room was low on freon. The Commissioners told him to get a quote, and they would approve it.

McDaniel stated that EMA is not very well funded, and they do not have enough supplies. He has an EOC Room in the basement of the Courthouse that is outdated, and none of his printers work. He stated if an emergency were to happen, they are not equipped to handle it. He reported that he gets an annual grant for his salary, and he is asking that \$4,000.00 of that be moved to a uniform line item so they can purchase safety clothing. He stated safety equipment is very expensive. He is asking for the rest of that grant to go to supplies for road cones and warning signs.

President Ward stated he is in support of creating the uniform and equipment line. He stated \$26,000.00 is a large amount to move without a plan. He suggested McDaniel provide a detailed plan of what the money will be used for before moving the money. White recommended leaving the money but creating the line items and moving only \$1,000.00 in them for now. McDaniel stated \$1,000.00 would work for now.

**MOTION:** White moved to create a line item within the budget of Civil Defense under General and transfer \$1,000.00 from the Salaries of the Director line. Collins provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to zero.

**MOTION:** White moved to create a line item within Civil Defense for Equipment and transfer \$1,000.00 from the Director's Salary line. Collins provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to zero.

#### **JUDGE MOUNT-CIRCUIT COURT**

Judge Mount requested an additional appropriation of \$6,000.00 for Mental Health Evaluations. He requested \$12,000.00 during budget. When a defendant has mental health issues that renders them unable to assist their public defender, have a not guilty by reasons of insanity claim, or have a guilty but mentally ill claim, they must get two expert's opinions. Life Spring used to do them for \$350.00 each, but they no longer do them. They now must contract with individual doctors, which cost \$1,500.00 - \$3,000.00. Judge Mount reported that beginning July 1, 2024, they changed the law to only requiring one evaluation in minor cases.

Judge Mount reported that since requesting the additional appropriation, he has another \$4,500.00 worth of claims and stated he will most likely have to request an additional \$6,000.00.

Judge Mount presented Ordinance 2024-OR-40 as an additional appropriation out of the General Fund for \$6,000.00 to the Circuit Court line items to cover Mental Health Evaluations.


**MOTION:** White moved to accept Ordinance 2024-OR-40. Hughbanks provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to zero.

ADJOURNMENT

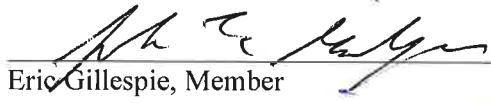
With no other business, Miller moved to adjourn the July 12, 2024, Special Session Meeting. White provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to zero.

  
JR Ward, President

  
John Collins, Member

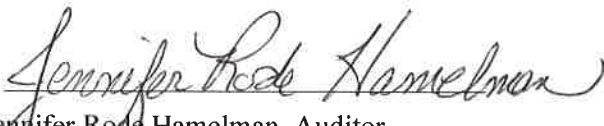
  
Lyndi Hughbanks, Vice President

  
John Miller, Member

  
Eric Gillespie, Member

  
Jonathon White, Member

Absent   
Diane Mullins, Member

ATTEST:   
Jennifer Rode Hamelman, Auditor