

**REGULAR SESSION**

**SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**JULY 17, 2024**

The Scott County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on July 17, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room, Suite 128, Courthouse. Those present were Commissioners: President Mike Jones, Vice President Randy Julian and Greg Prince. Also present was Auditor Jennifer Rode Hamelman, Chief Deputy Auditor Kinley Harmon, and Attorney Zachary Stewart.

President Jones called the meeting to order, gave Pledge of Allegiance, and opened the meeting for public comments.

There were no public comments.

**BRITTANY COMBS-HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Administrator Combs presented the Lease Agreement for the Life Spring Austin Office. She noted the lease has increased \$68 per month.

**MOTION:** Vice President Julian moved to enter into Lease Agreement with Life Spring for the Austin Office of the Health Department. Prince provided the second. Motion carried unanimously three to zero.

Administrator Combs presented a Grant Application for approval. She stated this is the PHEP Grant they do every year. \$25,000.00 is the base, and the CRI is \$17,374.00.

**MOTION:** Vice President Julian moved to approve and sign the Grant Application for the PHEP Grant. Prince provided the second. Motion carried unanimously three to zero.

Lastly, Combs requested permission to purchase a vehicle with the left over Covid Testing funds leftover. Combs stated former Chief Deputy Auditor Burton had called the State, and determined the funds can be used at the discretion of the Health Department. Attorney Stewart inquired if that was documented in written form anywhere. Auditor Hamelman stated she could look through Deandra's emails to see. The Commissioners stated they were fine with the purchase if the money can be used in that way. The vehicle quoted is a 2025 Dodge Durango AWD for \$45,467.00

**MOTION:** Vice President Julian moved to allow Combs to go to Council with her request to purchase a vehicle with the leftover Covid Testing funds if the State approved that use. Prince provided the second. Motion carried unanimously three to zero.

Attorney Stewart asked if the money came directly from the State. Combs stated Chief Deputy Auditor Buron had received a lump sum of money from the State and determined it belongs to the Health Department to be used at their discretion. Attorney Stewart stated documentation from the State allowing the vehicle purchase from Covid Testing Funds would be necessary.

## TOBY DEATON-SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Chief Deputy Deaton stated that with their current medical provider, they are paying for services they are not getting. The current company let their part-time nurse and nurse practitioner go. They plan to bring both of those positions back, along with the nurse they currently have. They have a protocol book currently. Chief Deputy Deaton is concerned that if the new company does not have that book, it will result in them having to send more people to the ER, bringing in more medical bills. With the current company, they are spending \$17 per bill. Fast Access has agreed that if their current company decides to leave early, they are prepared to come in. Stewart stated the current provider's end date is August 17<sup>th</sup>, but they can drop out before then if they want. Chief Deputy Deaton stated he has heard rumors that their current provider plans to leave as early as this Friday.

Attorney Stewart stated they opted for a 30-day notice provision rather than an immediate one so the jail would be without a medical provider. They received three proposals. Attorney Stewart stated the proposals are not identical, so they are not comparing apples to apples. He also stated the protocol books help give directions to the Correctional Officers to prevent having to send people to the ER and endure those costs. Chief Deputy Deaton stated there is a limited pool of companies that provide these services in our area. He said their current company has made some significant changes and he is not sure what is up with them. President Jones asked if the current provider put in a bid. Chief Deputy Deaton stated "No, it looks like they are taking their business in a different direction." President Jones stated that since prices have gone up, it would be a \$36,000.00 jump to enter in contract with Fast Access. He also stated there should be roughly \$132,000.00 left in that account. He said that even though this company costs more, the ER expenses will be cut. Vice President Julian stated insurance is a gamble and that he suggested doing it January 1, 2025. President Jones asked if we could do a six-month contract for now, then start a one-year contract on January 1, 2025. Chief Deputy Deaton stated that with the price increases, we could be looking at a large increase between now and January 1, 2025.

Chief Deputy Deaton stated the Sheriff apologizes for not being present tonight. Attorney Stewart stated we should accept the proposal now and move forward with contract negotiation. Prince stated he would prefer a six-month contract for now. Chief Deputy Deaton stated that since we are getting our nurses back, they will have people familiar with the process and know what's going on.

**MOTION:** Vice President Julian moved to accept Fast Access' proposal of \$296,000.00 per year. Prince provided the second. Motion carried unanimously three to zero.

Attorney Stewart requested we give The Council a heads up so they can look at the \$296,000.00 and what has currently been appropriated.

## KEVIN HALL-HIGHWAY DEPT

Superintendent Hall stated they had a grant for railroad crossing upgrade that has been completed and provided photos. President Jones stated that he noticed a sign missing after Fairgrounds Rd opens on the West side of the tracks. Superintendent Hall stated he will check on the missing sign

KLBB will be starting on Bridgewater Rd on July 22, 2024. They have put signs out warning people of the closure. Evergreen Roadworks LLC is talking about starting the chip seal on Monday, but due to weather, Superintendent Hall doesn't see it starting until August.

Superintendent Hall presented a purchase request for a salt bed for a pickup. They are going to try and utilize salt in housing additions and some hills where cinders make a mess. He stated it was a good price of \$800.

Superintendent Hall stated they are considering a bushhog attachment for the skid steer to mow the Transfer Station, Health Department and Tri Hawk property. Last year they paid John Adams to do it. President Jones asked if someone might want to do it for the straw. Superintendent Hall stated, "Maybe if it was ready to plant, but the Transfer Station is too hilly". He stated it costs \$450-\$500/day to rent equipment but saves their tractor tires.

The first bridge on Slab Rd will undergo repairs that will require a road closure before the end of the year. They do not have exact dates set, but he wants to do it before winter. Prince stated he likes the concept. President Jones inquired how much it will cost for the repairs and Superintendent Hall stated he was unsure as of now, but it won't be too bad.

INDOT is having an auction on October 22, 2024, and has a truck Superintendent Hall wants to purchase. It is a 2004 tandem truck with 100k miles and a stainless-steel bed. He currently has two 1994 trucks he wants to rotate out. He plans to take the bed off one of his 2008 trucks and replace it with the stainless-steel bed. Superintendent Hall stated the truck should go for \$10,000-\$15,000.00 and just the bed alone makes it worth it. President Jones inquired if we used ARPA funds to purchase the Mack and this was confirmed.

#### **NICK OLECK-EMS**

Director Oleck went over financials and stated they are having a busy month.

Liberty Mutual responded to Director Oleck over the assessed value of the totaled 2014 Durango. They valued it at \$22,884.00 prior to the \$5,000.00 deductible. Director Oleck requested the title be signed to Liberty Mutual. He also requested a letter be signed confirming the identity of the title holder since it is not in a single individual's name.

**MOTION:** Vice President Julian moved to sign the letter and sign the title over to Liberty Mutual. Prince provided the second. Motion carried unanimously three to zero.

Director Oleck presented quotes from seven dealerships to replace the lost vehicle. The council has already authorized payment for the new vehicle. John Jones has one currently in stock for \$49,555.00. The other vehicle in Carmel is \$49,557.00.

**MOTION:** Vice President Julian moved to purchase the \$49,555.00 2024 Tahoe from John Jones. Prince provided the second. Motion carried unanimously three to zero.

Director Oleck requested a signature for 8038G stating we are tax exempt. Director Oleck stated that Wes Banco will not accept the ST 105 Tax Exempt Form prescribed by the State of Indiana nor the 8038G and will require a letter directly from Attorney Stewart stating they are tax exempt. Director Oleck stated he is paying \$10,000 more due to this. President Jones stated that even though they have been doing business with us for over 100 years, they are just now requiring a letter from an Attorney. Director Oleck stated he has been dealing with this problem for the past two months. Attorney Stewart stated he has already attempted to reach out so see if they need something specific, because he could just quote the Indiana Statutes that say our acquisitions and purchases are exempt under any type of retail tax and our property is exempt under property tax. President Jones stated the Treasurer may need to look for a new bank if Wesbanco is not going to acknowledge the State Statute that the County is tax exempt, then we

do not need to be doing business with them. Attorney Stewart asked Director Oleck to provide him with the contact information for who he is dealing with at the bank.

**MOTION:** Vice President Julian moved to sign the 8038G Tax Exempt Form for the ambulance they purchased to be exempt from Sales Tax. Prince provided a second. Motion carried unanimously three to zero.

Director Oleck stated he briefly spoke with Randy Julian last week about meeting the asphalt to the concrete in front of his building. He asked if it was an option, and if so, how he goes about moving forward with it. President Jones suggested he coordinate this with Highway Superintendent Hall. Vice President Julian stated the quicker the better and estimated a cost of roughly \$900.

Lastly, Director Oleck stated he was approached by 911 Chief Dispatcher Brittany Ward about starting an educational program for children and young teens in the community teaching them basic first aid and to be prepared to make a 911 call in an emergency. He suggested approaching the schools and the YMCA with training to cover simple stuff like calling 911, how to check for breathing, CPR, and applying bandages. Director Oleck wanted approval from The Commissioners before putting out advertisements. Commissioner Prince asked if the training would be taken to the schools and Director Oleck stated he would like to eventually get there but would most likely start with free trainings at the station where parents can drop their kids off, and they would leave with a certification. There may be opportunities to partner with the YMCA over the summer. Director Oleck stated he believes there is an unaddressed age group in our area. Commissioner Prince stated he really likes the idea. Director Oleck stated in the summer months there are several kids that stay with grandparents while their parents are working. President Jones granted his support of the idea.

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

Director McDaniel stated they have two air conditioning systems on the 911 side. They have an alarm that goes off if it gets above 80 degrees because the equipment overheats in the computer room. The alarms have gone off two or three times since Director McDaniel has been employed. He stated that speaking to other workers, it occurs three to four times a year. It must be recharged and often must pay overtime rates. Director McDaniel stated the mini split is old and losing freon, and they have been having this problem for the last two to three years. He got two quotes. One from S&L and one from Miller Heat and Air. The quotes are within \$26 of each other. Vice President Julian asked what the age of the central air unit is. Director McDaniel said he is unsure, but he knows it was replaced since the building was changed over to the 911 Center. Vice President Julian requested changing the office over to put another mini split and run it off the one compressor as it may be cheaper. Vice President Julian requested a quote with putting a second split in using the same compressor for the office and to table a decision until the new quotes are complete.

President Jones had asked Director McDaniel on Tuesday to check the sirens due to a suspected problem with the Fire Department siren. Director McDaniel sent a team to check all the sirens, and the one behind the firehouse did not sound, it was repaired by the end of the day.

### COURTYARD USE PERMIT-MIKE TSCHULIN

Mike Tscheulin has requested to use the Courtyard on August 15, 2024, at 7:00pm for a Celebration of Life for former EMS Deputy Director Devonnia Tscheulin. The Commissioners signed the permit and President Jones announced the dedication of the street to Devonnia Tscheulin has been rescheduled to August 5, 2024, at 10:00am.

Auditor Hamelman stated Moxy Music has requested an additional hour for their Rocking the Square event this Friday July 19, 2024. They requested the band be able to play until 9 p.m. The Commissioners agreed that was fine.

### CEMETERY BOARD

President Jones has been notified that Mr. Robbins will not be able to continue serving on the board or as the Cemetery Supervisor. He suggested we increase the current pay of \$11.87 the mower is currently paid. Because there is currently only one mower, there is no weed eating. Attorney Stewart stated the council will need to change the Salary Ordinance and the Board should be reorganized. He will need a list of everyone on the board, and they should be holding five-year terms. The Cemetery Supervisor is paid by the Cemetery Fund, the mowers are paid from The Commissioners Fund, and the board members do not currently receive a stipend. Attorney Stewart stated the board should be filing annual reports with the Indiana Historical Bureau that include their budget for the proceeding calendar year, expenditures made, activities, and plans. They are also supposed to be presenting annual plans and budgets to The Council and Commissioners and should have staggered terms that are appointed by the Commissioners. Auditor Hamelman stated John Lizenby has volunteered to help with the Cemetery Board or Supervisor if needed. The Cemetery Supervisor is paid \$1,120.00 per year from the Cemetery Fund. President Jones will reach out to the members to see if they have met recently.

### CAPITOL ASSET POLICY ORDINANCE

Auditor Hamelman stated she has emailed the Capital Asset Policy Ordinance it just needs reviewed and approved. Attorney Stewart explained it is an Administrative Ordinance on how we would manage our Capitol Assets and inventory those in the future. It can be adopted at a single meeting.

### AMEND THE AGENDA

Commissioner Prince requested to amend the agenda to address River Hills Appointments.

**MOTION:** Vice President Julian moved to amend the agenda to include River Hills Board Appointments.

Auditor Hamelman stated Steve Meyer had been appointed during the Board Appointments earlier in 2024 and Chris Wakeman needs to be made an official appointee.

**MOTION:** Vice President Julian moved to appoint Chris Wakeman to the River Hills Board. Prince provided the second. Motion carried unanimously three to zero.

**MOTION:** Vice President Julian moved to allow the signature of River Hills Board Member Applications outside of a meeting. Prince provided the second. Motion carried unanimously three to zero.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF REGULAR/SPECIAL CLAIMS**

Special Claims were presented for approval for Johnson's Landscaping in the amount of \$115,000.00; Diversity in the amount of \$2,099.99 and Indiana Testing INC for drug testing in the amount of \$1,680.20

**MOTION:** Vice President Julian moved to pay all above listed Special Invoices. Prince provided the second. Motion carried unanimously three to zero.

**MOTION:** Vice President Julian moved to pay Regular Claims. Prince provided the second. Motion carried unanimously three to zero.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF PAYROLL**

**MOTION:** Vice President Julian moved to accept Payroll for July 12, 2024. Prince provided the second. Motion carried unanimously three to zero.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Vice President Julian moved to approve minutes for July 7, 2024. Prince provided the second. Motion carried unanimously three to zero.

Attorney Stewart requested a letter be reviewed and will be a part of a packet given to the City of Scottsburg for the purchase of City Hall.

Attorney Stewart requested an Executive Session be scheduled for July 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:00pm.

President Jones reminded the board of a Special Meeting scheduled for July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00pm. He stated he received a phone call from Mrs. Campbell the property owner to be addressed in the special meeting and she reported person that filed the complaint against her has been on her property accompanied by another person representing themselves as a County Official. President Jones stated there shouldn't be anyone from the County on her property and suggested she call the Sherrif's Department and report them for Trespassing. President Jones said Campbell plans to be in attendance for the meeting.

Vice President Julian presented a quote for the roof repair on the Nazarene Church. Reading of the quote was tabled. All three Commissioners are going to reach out to get quotes before the next meeting. Attorney Stewart stated they cannot use a certified engineer due to the price not meeting requirements. He also stated all bids must be accepted up to the date of the meeting where quotes are considered.

President Jones stated we need to mail some plaques out for people who have retired from a government position or done special things for the County. He wants to make sure these people are acknowledged.

Auditor Hamelman stated she received a letter in the mail and was notified around a year ago that the County does not have a Flood Plan Coordinator. She said it was discussed last year and wasn't completed and now the County needs to put one in place to remain in compliance, it is listed in a current job description but may need to be addressed as it requires six hours of training and certification. President Jones suggested aligning it with the current Drainage Board.

Attorney Stewart inquired if the DocuSign Request for the Opioid Settlement had been transferred to Auditor Hamelman and it has not but will be complete shortly

President Jones stated there are a couple positions that we need to ask The Council to raise the salary for. One being the Visitor Commission/Economic Plan Director and the other being the Coroner's Office.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Vice President Julian moved to adjourn the July 17, 2024, Regular meeting. Prince provided second. Motion carried three to zero.

  
Mike Jones, President

  
Randy Julian, Vice President

  
Greg Prince, Member

ATTEST:   
Jennifer Rode Hamelman, Auditor