

REGULAR SESSION PUBLIC HEARING

SCOTT COUNTY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 13, 2024

The Scott County Council met in Regular Session on February 13, 2024, at 5:45 p.m. for a Public Hearing in the Commissioners Room, Suite 128, Courthouse. Council Members present were Vice President JR Ward, John Miller, Diane Mullins, John Collins, Eric Gillespie, and Jonathon White. Council Member absent was President Lyndi Hughbanks. Also present were Auditor Jennifer Rode Hamelman, Chief Deputy Auditor Deandra Burton and Attorney Heather Archibald Peters.

The Public Hearing was called to order by Vice 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, Ward moved to adjourn the February 13, 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 February 13, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. for a Regular Meeting in the Commissioners Room, Suite 128, Courthouse. Council Members present were Vice President JR Ward, John Miller, Jonathon White, Eric Gillespie, and Diane Mullins. Council Member absent was President Lyndi Hughbanks. Also present were Auditor Jennifer Rode Hamelman, Chief Deputy Auditor Deandra Burton and Attorney Heather Archibald Peters.

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

Vice President Ward called for the Acceptance of the Agenda.

MOTION: Collins moved to accept the agenda. Miller provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to zero.

CIRCUIT COURT-JUDGE FRAZIER

Judge Frazier explained that she was standing in for Judge Mount who had other commitments. She explained that there is an increase in Spanish speaking clients and there is an increased need for interpreters. Circuit Court has applied for and received a \$2,000.00 grant and they were only funded \$1,500.00. Circuit Court is asking for an additional appropriation of \$2,000.00 and the creation of a line to receive the grant funding. Council member Mullins asked if there

was a service for all languages. Judge Frazier responded no and yes. There is State help available for other languages, but this is rather limited in scope.

MOTION: Mullins moved to approve Ordinance 2024-OR-1 for \$2,000.00 and to create a line item to receive the \$2,000.00 grant funds. Miller provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to zero.

SHERIFF-JERRY GOODIN

Sheriff Goodin requested ARPA funds for three vehicles. There were two 2023 Dodge Crew Cab trucks at \$55,651.00 and one 2023 Dodge Durango at \$52,472.00. These additional appropriations were approved by Resolutions 17, 18 and 19 of the Commissioners in August of 2023 and advertised additional appropriation set forth in Council Ordinances 2024-OR-2, 2024-OR-3 and 2024-OR-4. Vice President Ward questioned if the price would still be valid at such a late date. Sheriff Goodin stated that John Jones had agreed to keep the price firm for the County.

MOTION: White moved to approve Council Ordinances 2024-OR-2, 2024-OR-3, and 2024-OR-4. Miller provided the second. Motion failed to carry two to four, with Miller and Mullins voting yes and Ward, White, Collins and Gillespie voting no.

Sheriff Goodin requested an additional appropriation of \$110,000.00 to fund the 1114.32402.00000.0000. This is outlined in Ordinance 2024-OR-5.

MOTION: Miller moved to approve 2024-OR-5, the additional appropriation of \$110,000.00 into 1114.32402.00000.0000. White provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to zero.

Sheriff Goodin requested an additional appropriation of \$164,000.00 from LIT Public Safety to fund his overtime line as outlined in Council Ordinance 2024-OR-6. After discussion, The Council decided to amend Ordinance 2024-OR-6 to appropriate \$75,000.00 from LIT Public Safety into the Sheriffs Overtime line.

MOTION: White moved to amend Ordinance 2024-OR-6 to appropriate \$75,000.00 from LIT Public Safety into the Sheriffs Overtime line. Collins provided the second. Motion carried five to one, with Gillespie voting no.

Mullins asked Sheriff Goodin how long he expected this appropriation to last, and he replied six months. Gillespie asked if the overtime was requested in the budget, and it had been but was not budgeted.

Sheriff Goodin requested an additional appropriation of \$5,500.00 to fund his part-time deputy line as explained in Council Ordinance 2024-OR-7. It was discovered this had been advertised from the incorrect fund and would have to be tabled until it could be properly advertised to come from the Public Safety fund.

MOTION: Collins moved to table Council Ordinance 2024-OR-7 until the additional appropriation of \$5,500.00 could be advertised from the LIT Public Safety fund. White provided the second. Motion carried five to one with Gillespie voting no.

There was discussion about the jail maintenance coming from the Courthouse maintenance budget and Ward stated that wasn't the intention, but Miller thought it had been set to come from the Courthouse budget as well. White stated that he thought the Sheriff had not requested maintenance in his budget.

APC/BZA-MARTY RANDALL

Randall was back to request an additional appropriation to cover her part-time pay that she had already worked. The additional appropriation of \$3,235.68 has been advertised and is explained in Council Ordinance 2024-OR-8. This will cover the time Randall has already worked and some extra to cover for Director Watts to take time off. Attorney Peters stated that the Ordinance would have to be tabled because there was no part-time line in the Salary Ordinance and that

would have to be advertised and corrected prior to having the additional appropriation.

MOTION: Collins moved to table Council Ordinance 2024-OR-8 until the Salary Ordinance could be advertised and amended to add a part-time position. White provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to zero.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT-BRITTANY COMBS

Director Combs requested approval through Council Ordinance 2024-OR-9 to appropriate \$9,400.08 of additional grant money into line 30100 Contractual Services.

MOTION: Mullins moved to approve Council Ordinance 2024-OR-9 appropriating additional grant receipts into line 30100. White provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to zero.

SURVEYOR-MARK GARDNER

Surveyor Gardner requested an additional appropriation of \$11,000.00.

MOTION: Collins moved to approve Council Ordinance 2024-OR-10 appropriating additional grant receipts into line 1202.30701.00000.0000. Gillespie provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to zero.

EMA-JEREMY MCDANIEL

Director McDaniel requested an additional appropriation of \$30,000.00 for his unfunded repair and maintenance line as explained in Council Ordinance 2024-OR-12.

MOTION: Collins moved to approve Council Ordinance 2024-OR-12 appropriating additional LIT Public Safety funds of \$30,000.00 1170.35002.0000.0303. Miller provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to zero.

Director McDaniel requested an additional appropriation of \$26,329.74 for his unfunded repair and maintenance line as explained in Council Ordinance 2024-OR-11.

MOTION: Miller moved to approve Council Ordinance 2024-OR-11 appropriating additional grant receipts of \$26,329.74 from the Salary Offset Grant to line 9649.11002.00000.0000. Collins provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to zero.

McDaniels stated that he is looking into new software for 911/EMA and will be searching for grants to cover this. He is also looking at adding Window Tint to the IRACS area to enhance privacy at an estimated cost of \$150.00.

TIF-UTILITIES SUSNICK FARM

Redevelopment needs a line created to pay utilities for the Susnick Farm.

MOTION: Collins moved to approve \$1,200.00 into a newly created utility line for the Redevelopment Susnick property. White provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to zero.

CLERK-MICHELLE SHELTON

Clerk Shelton requested an additional appropriation of \$19,500.00 into the newly created line for her HAVA Grant as explained in Council Ordinance 2024-OR-14.

MOTION: Collins moved to approve Council Ordinance 2024-OR-14 appropriating \$19,500.00 in to the HAVA grant fund 9113.11002. Miller provided the second. Motion carried unanimously five to zero (Mullins had stepped out of the meeting).

Clerk Shelton also requested an additional appropriation of \$4,000.00 from her HAVA grant into her advertising line 9113.32204 as explained in Council Ordinance 2024-OR-15.

MOTION: Miller moved to approve Council Ordinance 2024-OR-15 appropriating an additional \$4,000.00 of HAVA grant receipts into advertising 9113.32204. Collins provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to zero.

Clerk Shelton also requested an additional appropriation of \$2,441.00 from her HAVA grant into her advertising line 9113.35600 as explained in Council Ordinance 2024-OR-16.

MOTION: Miller moved to approve Council Ordinance 2024-OR-16 appropriating additional \$2,441.00 grant funds into line 9113.35600. Collins provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to zero.

EMS-NICK OLECK

Director Oleck presented the EMS Financial Report and run volume.

MOTION: Miller moved to approve Council Ordinance 2024-OR-17 appropriating \$80,000.00. Collins provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to zero.

Director Oleck requested ARPA funds be used to pay for the Salaries of the EMS Director, EMS Deputy Director and Paramedic Trainer in the amount of \$208,325.00 as explained in Council Ordinance 2024-OR-18.

MOTION: White moved to approve Council Ordinance 2024-OR-18 appropriating additional ARPA grant funds into the EMS payroll to cover the EMS Director, EMS Deputy Director, and Paramedic Trainer salaries in the amount of \$208,325.020. Miller provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to zero.

Director Oleck and EMA Director McDaniels presented a grant approval request to apply for an AFG FEMA Grant of up to \$1,000,000.00 with a five percent County match.

MOTION: Mullins moved to approve signing the grant paperwork outside of a meeting and with legal review. Collins provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to zero.

ARPA GRANT-HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDY

Commissioners sent Resolution 2024-R-2 appropriating \$66,009.72 of ARPA funds to pay for the three percent increase in Cigna Health Insurance for Scott County employees for 2024 as explained in Council Ordinance 2024-OR-19.

MOTION: Miller moved to approve Council Ordinance 2024-OR-19 appropriating \$66,009.72 of ARPA funds to pay for the three percent increase in Cigna Health Insurance for Scott County employees. Collins provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to zero.

2024 COUNCIL BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Council decided to table the 2024 Council Board Appointment until the March 12, 2024, meeting.

MOTION: Collins moved to table the 2024 Council Board Appointments until the March 12, 2024, meeting. White provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to zero.

CORRECTION OF SALARY ORDINANCE

Auditor Hamelman requested the Salary Ordinance be corrected for existing mistakes. The Salary Ordinance corrections must be advertised before they can be approved.

Greg Pfifer representing Probation, stated that Jennifer Lowry salary was not budgeted nor paid at the correct level according to statute. She should be paid \$62,448.00 beginning in 2024 due to the number of years she has been employed in this position.

A second issue with the Probation Salaries is that they are paid weekly as are the rest of the County employees. When a pay period splits between years this creates a shortfall of salary for the year. Probation salaried employees need to be paid their new salary rate for the two weeks prior to the first payroll of the year. This will keep their annual salary in check with statute.

CONSIDERATION OF REGULAR MINUTES

Minutes from January 9, 2024, Regular meeting were presented for approval.

MOTION: Ward moved to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from January 9, 2024, as presented. White provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to zero.

CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET HEARINGS

Minutes of the Budget Hearings were unavailable for presentation.

MOTION: Miller moved to table the budget hearing minutes. White provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to zero.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business, Collins moved to adjourn the February 13, 2024, Regular Meeting. White provided the second. Motion carried unanimously six to zero.

Absent
Lyndi Hughbanks, President

John Collins
John Collins, Member

JR WARD
JR Ward, Vice President

Absent
John Miller, Member

Eric Gillespie
Eric Gillespie, Member

Jonathon White
Jonathon White, Member

Diane Mullins
Diane Mullins, Member

ATTEST: Jennifer Rode Hamelman
Jennifer Rode Hamelman, Auditor