

SPECIAL SESSION
SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 7, 2022

The Scott County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on March 7, 2022 at 10:00 am in the Commissioners Room, Suite 128, Courthouse. The Commissioners present were Mike Jones, John Lizenby, and Randy Julian. Also present was Attorney Zach Stewart and Auditor Tammy Stout Johnson. Commissioner Jones called the meeting to order.

CONSIDERATION OF OPIOID LAWSUIT PARTICIPATION

Ordinance #2021-014 was passed last year to opt out as a party of the opioid lawsuit after the State of Indiana adopted legislation to take over the distribution of the proceeds. After several counties did the same, legal counsel for the counties worked really hard to address concerns of their clients along with the risks of pursuing individual lawsuits.

The intent of the counties became obvious to the State which responded by providing better incentives to counties to participate along with the opportunity to opt back into the lawsuit. Commissioners again considered whether to participate in the opioid lawsuit since the State’s legislature adjusted the distribution amounts of the settlement proceeds. Resolution #2022-004 To Opt Back In to the Opioids Settlement Pursuant to Indiana Code 4-6-15-2 was presented for adoption.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to adopt Resolution #2022-044 To Opt Back In to the Opioids Settlement Pursuant to Indiana Code 4-6-15-2 and allow the Board President to sign any related documents outside of a public meeting. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

Note: Mike Jones exited the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT AND MEETING CONTINUATION

There being no other business, Lizenby moved to adjourn the March 7, 2022 Special meeting of the Scott County Board of Commissioners. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to rescind his motion to adjourn. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to continue the meeting. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Julian moved to allow Lizenby to sign additional documents as guided by the County Attorney to rejoin the Opioid lawsuit. Second provided by Lizenby. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Julian moved to allow Lizenby to sign the Notice of Election Settlement Participation Form after completion by Auditor Johnson. Second provided by Lizenby. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no other business, Julian moved to adjourn the March 7, 2022 Special meeting of the Scott County Board of Commissioners. Second provided by Lizenby. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS:


Mike Jones, President


Randy Julian, Member


John Lizenby, Vice President

ATTEST: 
Tammy Stout Johnson, Auditor

REGULAR SESSION
SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 22, 2022

The Scott County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on March 22, 2022 at 5:00 pm in the Commissioners Room, Suite 128, Courthouse. Those present were Commissioners Mike Jones, John Lizenby, and Randy Julian. Also present were Attorney Zach Stewart and Auditor Tammy Stout Johnson.

President Jones called the meeting to order, gave the Pledge of Allegiance, and opened the meeting for public comments. Building Maintenance Supervisor Josh Colwell spoke about the removal of three (3) trees in the Courtyard. Colwell stated he was quoted approximately \$6,000 for the removal of the trees, but Commissioner Julian along with the help of the Highway Department and Maintenance, removed them at no cost. Members thanked Julian for his contribution.

YOUNG MARINES USE OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT CAMPUS

Robert O'Donnell of the Young Marines requested permission to use an interior portion along with the parking lot and field area of the County's facility on North Gardner Street. Commissioner Julian voiced his support to permit the request. O'Donnell said the Warrior Reservation would suffice, but he was more interested in a permanent location that could possibly be used by other youth organizations. Attorney Stewart stated that any group would have to enter into a separate contractual arrangement with the County. Members discussed the utilities, the availability of heat/air, restrooms, etc.

By consensus, members agreed to table a decision on the matter until the April 6, 2022 meeting.

Permission was requested for use of the Health Department Campus for Young Marines Drill Days.

MOTION: Julian moved to approve use of the Health Department Campus for the Young Marines outdoor drill activities. Second provided by Lizenby. Motion carried unanimously.

VISITORS COMMISSION STATUS

Visitors Commission Director Mike Chesser read a statement of clarification as a response to comments made by Councilman Raymond Jones at a prior meeting.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to reconsider the action taken at the February 16, 2022 for the formation of a not-for-profit to employee Chesser to perform tourism services in a contractual arrangement with the Visitors Commission. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

Chesser expressed is discontentment with recent comments and analysis of tourism spending. Chesser stated his preference was not to become an employee of the County. Julian said he didn't think the Visitors Commission should be micromanaged, but whether designated or not, the funds were public and those elected are accountable for spending.

MOTION: Julian moved to reverse the prior decision from the February 16, 2022 meeting to run tourism with a NFP contract but instead retain Chesser and the administrative support staff member as employees of the County's Visitors Commission, a County Department. Second provided by Jones. Motion carried with two (2) in favor and one (1) opposed (Lizenby). Lizenby stated he preferred the contractual arrangement with a not-for-profit entity and complimented Chesser on his job performance.

JAIL FOOD SERVICE BIDS; ARPA OFFICER RADIO PROJECT

The bids were opened for the Jail food service provider. Two (2) bids were received and the basis of 180 inmates were used for price comparisons: Tiger Food Service at \$1.633 per meal and Kellwell at \$1.399 per meal.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to accept the lower bid from Kellwell as the vendor to provide the Jail food service. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Jerry Goodin requested the use of American Rescue Plan Act funds for the purchase of 30 new 800MHz radios for the Officers in the amount of \$200,000. Jones asked if the Sheriff had ever placed the expenditure for the new radios in prior budget requests. Goodin replied that budgets were tight and cuts were made for 2022 from his proposals that did not contain the radios. Since funds were made available thru ARPA, Goodin requested Commissioners approve this expenditure since they controlled the spending plan.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to approve \$200,000 for the purchase of 30 new 800 MHz radios for safety and equipment upgrades for law enforcement. Motion died for lack of second.

In response, Sheriff Goodin read a statement.

Sheriff Goodin reported on another passed Jail Inspection which should help keep insurance premiums stable. Goodin also informed the Board that Scott County received a Safe Community Award from Kentuckiana Crime Stoppers. Commissioners complimented Goodin on the accomplishments of the Sheriff's Department.

SAFE HAVEN BOX; BOOKKEEPER RESIGNATION; EMS FUEL CONTRACT

EMS Director Nick Oleck informed the Board of the new location for the Safe Haven Box at the EMS Station. Originally, the Box was to be placed in the front lobby area. However, the contractor suggested an alternative in the Training Room.

Oleck discussed the recent resignation of Administrative Bookkeeper Pat Forbes. Oleck suggested to pull the Deputy Director off truck duty. The Deputy Director could then take on those administrative duties of the Bookkeeper position with a corresponding adjustment in salary. A replacement would be hired for the truck, but not the Bookkeeper position.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to allow Oleck to not replace the Bookkeeper position at this time, pull the Deputy Director into full time administration (off the truck), and hire a replacement on the truck, contingent upon Council approving and amending the Salary Ordinance to reflect those changes. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously

Forbes requested that she be permitted to keep a picture that was in storage as a remembrance of her time with EMS.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to recognize Pat Forbes for her years of service and allow her to keep a decorative picture that she and former EMS director purchased for their office. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

Oleck suggested that a contract with the fuel vendor be signed to lock in a price of \$3.72 per gallon of unleaded and \$3.85 per gallon for diesel fuel. This would hedge on expected price increases.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to lock in fuel prices with Premier for EMS fuel. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

E911/EMA UPDATE

EMA/E911 Director Jeff Fortner explained new training standards for dispatchers and first responders.

Regarding the upcoming state mandated 800 MHz console upgrades, Fortner said Motorola has the lock on that technology.

TRANSFER STATION HOURS; TRAINING; SIGN QUOTES

Auditor Johnson explained the slight increase in the hours that the Transfer Station will be open to the public with the new schedule that begins April 4, 2022.

A quote from Watson Signs was provided with a reprint of the new hours on the existing sign (\$160) or replacement of the entire sign (\$360).

MOTION: Lizenby moved to use the existing sign for posting the new Transfer Station hours. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

RATIFICATION OF RECORDER’S CONTRACT WITH AVENU FOR MICROFILM STORAGE

A renewal agreement for storage services with Avenu for the Recorder’s Office was presented for ratification. The agreement was approved by the Recorder on December 6, 2021.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to ratify and continue the current contract with Avenu for storage of microfilm records for the Recorder’s office. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

USE OF COURTYARD/GAZEBO FOR COMMUNITY AND NATIONAL PRAYER DAYS

Lizenby said he was contacted by organizers of the Community and National Days of Prayer for permission to hold the events on the Courtyard/Gazebo as in years past.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to allow use of the Courtyard/Gazebo for the Community and National Prayer Days. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

FMLA REQUESTS

Two (2) requests for Family Medical Leave were reviewed.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to approve both FMLA requests. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

CLAIM PAYMENT CONSIDERATIONS: PAYABLE TO INDIANA COUNTY AUDITORS ASSOCIATION AND LATCO/SELBY HOUSE, INC

Claims payable to the Indiana County Auditors Association were presented for payment approval. Consideration was made for payment in the amount of \$930 for annual membership dues and \$400 for two (2) registration fees for the State called Spring Conference.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to approve both claims to the Indiana County Auditor’s Association in the amounts of \$930 & \$400. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

A claim payable to LATCO/Selby House Inc. in the amount of \$42,417 was presented for payment consideration and approval. LATCO/Selby House was the contractor for the Coroner’s Morgue project.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to approve payment to LATCO/Selby House Inc. in the amount of \$42,617. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

PAYROLL RATIFICATION FOR MARCH 11, 2022; CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM SPECIAL JOINT MEETINGS ON FEBRUARY 10 & 16, 2022; REGULAR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 16, 2022

The Payroll docket for March 11, 2022 was presented for consideration and ratification.

MOTION: Julian moved to ratify the March 11, 2022 Payroll Docket as presented. Second provided by Lizenby. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes from the Special Joint Meetings on February 10 and February 16, 2022 and the Regular meeting on February 16, 2022 were presented for review and approval consideration.

MOTION: Lizenby moved to approve the minutes from the Special Joint Meetings on February 10 and February 16, 2022 and the Regular meeting on February 16, 2022, as written. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

ARPA MEETING SCHEDULED; THRIVE MOU

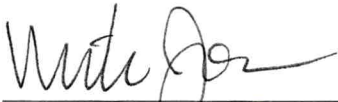
Commissioners agreed to meeting on April 12, 2022 at 10:30 am to review the requests for ARPA distributions.

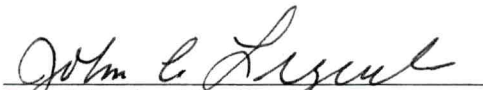
Attorney Stewart informed the Board that notification via email was given regarding the THRIVE tenant vacating the old Health Department building on March 11, 2022. All agreed to accept this as official notice to quit the premises by THRIVE.

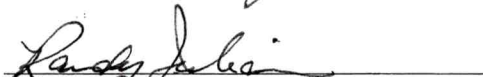
MOTION: Lizenby moved to accept the email notification from THRIVE to Attorney Stewart on March 11, 2022 as the 30 day quit notice for being a tenant of the former Health Department facility. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.

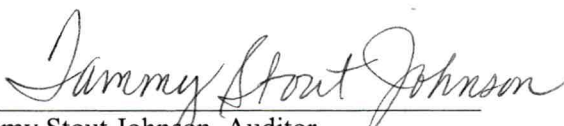
ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Lizenby moved to adjourn the March 22, 2022 Regular meeting of the Scott County Board of Commissioners. Second provided by Julian. Motion carried unanimously.


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