

MINUTES
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL
October 19, 2011

Councilman Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lords Prayer. Sheriff Mike Carothers did the swearing in of the Council.

Members Present: Councilman Murphy, Councilman Brewer, Councilwoman Schepman
Councilman Pottschmidt, Councilman Wheeler, Councilman Prange
Councilman Thompson

Others Present: Sheriff Mike Carothers, Attorney Susan Bevers, Auditor Debra Eggeman

Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2011 minutes as amended. Councilman Wheeler seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Thompson read through Council Review Sheets submitted by Fire Districts and explained Council's recommendations. Council President Murphy requested any input from the public. There were no objections. Councilman Prange made a motion to approve all Fire District budgets. Councilman Brewer seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Murphy opened the public hearing on the request for transfer of abatements filed by Integrity Manufacturing and Beverly Bryant. Jim Plump was in attendance and spoke in favor of transfers. No one spoke against. After a brief discussion Councilman Prange made a motion to waive the requirement that the equipment must be new to Indiana and to approve both abatements for the remaining duration and at the same rates as was approved by the Seymour Common Council, as detailed in Resolution 2011-19 and 2011-20. Councilwoman Schepman seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Financial Advisor for the Driftwood Township Fire Department, Eric Reedy appeared before Council requesting approval of a Resolution to incur a loan not to exceed \$80,000.00 for the purchase of a tanker truck. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Prange seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Prosecutor Rick Poynter gave an update on the Prosecutors Diversion fund activity. Mr. Poynter also requested approval of Ordinance 2011-23 which is an ordinance establishing a non-reverting Adoptive Asset Forfeiture fund. The fund will provide a fund to place monies received by a law enforcement agency as a result of forfeiture. All monies received will be used for the benefit of the agency participating in the seizure or forfeiture. Councilman Murphy read aloud Ordinance 2011-23 and Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve. Councilman Prange seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Murphy made the first reading of the Additional Appropriation requests. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve upon first reading. Councilman Prange seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

County Clerk Amanda Lowery requested additional funding from the Help America Vote Fund for the purchase of a software program for the redistricting process in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Prange seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin requested additional funding from the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund in the amount of \$27,600.00 for fuel. Councilman Prange made a motion to approve the request. Councilwoman Schepman seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Murphy made the first reading of the Emergency Transfer requests. Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve upon first reading.

Emergency Management Director Duane Davis requested a transfer within the County General Fund from 1-31-221 (conf fees/training) to 1-31-322 (fuel) in the amount of \$300.00.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin requested a transfer within the Motor Vehicle Highway fund from 2-204-362 (truck repair) to 2-204-221 (gas/oil) in the amount of \$20,000.00.

Councilman Prange made a motion to approve both emergency transfer requests. Councilman Brewer seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin informed Council that he will be requesting additional monies from the Cumulative Capital fund for the purchase of equipment for the application of brine.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard presented Amendment No. 1 to the 2011 Salary Ordinance for approval. The amendment reflects the changes made to salaries in the Juvenile Detention Center. Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve the request. Councilwoman Schepman seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Juvenile Detention Center Director John Long presented the monthly report for September, 2011.

Sheriff Mike Carothers presented the monthly report and jail expense report for September, 2011.

Attorney Susan Bevers gave an update on the sewer charges received from the Town of Brownstown.

The regular meeting of the County Council adjourned.

Councilman Murphy opened the adoption meeting for the 2011 Jackson County budget.

Councilman Prange made a motion to approve the 2012 budget in the amount of \$19,587,503. Total General Fund budget \$10,942,624. Councilman Thompson seconded. Council discussed the reclassification of the Health Department Office Manager. After much discussion a vote was taken with five (5) yes votes to approve budget as is, motion carried. Councilman Brewer and Councilman Wheeler voted no.

The meeting was adjourned.

Signed this 19th day of October, 2011.

Charlie Murphy – President

J.L. Brewer

Brian Wheeler

Leon Pottschmidt

Becky Schepman

Greg Prange

Brian Thompson