

MINUTES
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL
January 18, 2012

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 Thompson made a motion to retain Councilman Murphy as President for the year 2012 and Councilman Thompson as vice. Councilman Prange seconded. Four (4) yes votes.

Councilman Wheeler made a motion to nominate Councilman Thompson as President for the year 2012. Councilman Brewer seconded. Three (3) yes votes.

Councilman Murphy will serve as President and Councilman Thompson will serve as vice.

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

County Recorder Linda Auleman appeared before Council requesting a second full time position in the Recorder's office to be paid from the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund. Linda explained that she has had two (2) part time employees in the past but would like to combine the two positions into one (1) full time. After much discussion on the issue of costs for the new position Councilman Brewer made a motion to table to allow more time to figure the cost. Councilman Prange seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Juvenile Home Director Dan Banks informed Council that the Commissioners have given him permission to proceed with the remodeling of the Juvenile Home contingent upon Council support. Dan updated Council on the needs of the Juvenile Home. Councilman Pottschmidt made a motion to move forward with the project. Councilman Wheeler seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Custodian Jana Wessel requested permission to transfer funds from the laundry & cleaning appropriation to a mileage account. Jana explained that it may be necessary for her to travel to Superior Court I due to her now being responsible for the Part-Time Custodian's payroll. Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Thompson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Executive Director of the Jackson County Industrial Development Corporation, Jim Plump appeared before Council requesting approval of both Real Estate and Personal Property abatements for Tampico Grain. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve a 10-year abatement for both real estate and personal property (Resolution 2012-3). Councilman Prange seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Brewer expressed his concerns in regards to the amount paid to the County's Financial Advisor. Councilman Brewer explained that he feels that Reedy Financial has done a great job but Council has given them no guidance on what is expected of them. The invoices received from Reedy Financial are not clear on what the county is paying for. Council directed Attorney Susan Bevers to send a letter to Reedy Financial explaining that an itemized invoice is needed each month.

Councilman Murphy made the first reading of the Additional Appropriation resolution 2012-2. Councilman Prange made a motion approve upon first reading. Councilman Brewer seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

An Additional Appropriation request was received from Surveyor Jerry Tracy in the amount of \$600.00 from the Surveyor Cornerstone Fund. The request is for funds to pay a part time person as needed. Councilman Prange made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Brewer seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Council Members made the following appointments for 2012:

Jackson County Plan Commission

Reappoint Councilman Leon Pottschmidt. (1-yr term)

Jackson County Board of Zoning

Reappoint Carroll Speaker. (4-yr term)

Alcoholic Beverage Board

Reappoint Chad Leinart. (1-yr term)

Jackson County Industrial Development Corporation

Appoint J.L. Brewer to replace Dennis Carmichael. (1-yr term)

Ambulance Services Authority Board

Reappoint Greg Prange. (1-yr term)

Jackson County Solid Waste Management Board

Reappoint Brian Thompson. (1-yr term)

Jackson County Juvenile Home

Reappoint Brian Wheeler. (1-yr term)

Extension Board

Appoint Becky Schepman. (1-yr term)

Emergency Management Council

Appoint Becky Schepman. (1-yr term)

Seymour Chamber of Commerce

Reappoint Greg Prange (1-yr term)

Child Care Network

Reappoint Charlie Murphy (1-yr term)

Attorney Susan Bevers gave an update on the sewer charges owed to the Town of Brownstown. Members of both County Council and County Commissioners will meet with Town Council members. Susan feels that a payment plan can be worked out between the two entities.

Sheriff Mike Carothers presented the Jail Activity and Expense report for December, 2011.

Juvenile Detention Center Director John Long presented the Annual Report for 2012.

Commissioner Jerry Hounshel informed Council that an agreement with Janssen & Spaans Engineering has been approved by the Commissioners to provide project management services for the expansion of the County Government buildings in Brownstown, Indiana. Commissioners will be looking for funding for this project in the near future. Commissioner Hounshel stated that a line item is needed in the Commissioners budget to pay for these types of services when the need arises. Councilman Brewer made a motion to add a new appropriation line to the Commissioners budget for Professional Services. Councilman Thompson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried. Funds in the amount of \$25,000.00 will transferred from the Liability and Casualty Insurance appropriation to Professional Services. Brian Wheeler will replace Dennis Carmichael on the committee which was set up to look in to the space needs of the county.

Councilman Prange made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Pottschmidt seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Signed this 15th day of February, 2012

Charlie Murphy – President

J.L. Brewer

Brian Wheeler

Brian Thompson

Becky Schepman

Leon Pottschmidt

Greg Prange

Debra Eggeman - attest