

MINUTES
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL
September 21, 2011

Councilman Murphy called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM 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

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

Council President Murphy called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

Councilman Prange made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2011 minutes as presented. Councilman Brewer seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Detention Center Director John Long presented the Center report for the month of August 2011. John requested approval to eliminate three (3) supervisor positions at the Detention Center. John explained that there are times when a Supervisor is overseeing just 1 or 2 employees. John is requesting that the position of Assistant Director be filled. The Detention Center Advisory Board and the Board of Commissioners have approved these changes. Councilman Brewer made a motion to table the request until the end of the Budget Hearing to allow discussion on the Classification of the Deputy Director position. Councilman Wheeler seconded. Five (5) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Murphy voted no.

Sheriff Mike Carothers informed Council Members that Deputies met with a representative from McCready & Keene, Inc. who explained some new programs to them. Sheriff Carothers stated there were three (3) programs which are of interest to the Deputies and that a representative with McCready & Keene will attend the next Commissioner meeting to go over the programs.

Councilman Murphy made the first reading of the Additional Appropriation requests. Councilman Prange made a motion to approve upon first reading. Councilman Brewer seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor Debra Eggeman requested additional funding from the Auditors Plat Book fund in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the purchase of new Excise Software. The total cost of the software will be \$4,000.00 but there is funding in the IT budget to cover the remaining \$2,000.00. Debra explained that the software will provide a more accurate distribution of funds to taxing districts. There is no monthly or yearly maintenance fee. Greg Prange made a motion to approve contingent upon a descriptive contract stating that no extra fees will be charged. Councilman Pottschmidt seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin requested additional funding in the amount of \$150,000.00 for Bridge #104 and \$151,000.00 for Bridge #254 from the Cumulative Bridge Fund. Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve both requests. Councilman Prange seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor Debra Eggeman requested additional funding from the County General Fund in the amount

of \$2,500.00 for part time help. The part time help will check and input the homestead verification forms into the state verification program. Councilman Pottschmidt made a motion to approve the request. Councilwoman Schepman seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Parks Board Member Fleeta Arthur submitted additional requests in the amount of \$350.00 for board members per diem and \$2,000.00 for a master plan from the County General fund. Councilman Prange stated that he would like to see the minutes of the Parks Board meetings. Councilman Wheeler made a motion to table both requests for further review. Councilwoman Schepman seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

County Clerk Amanda Lowery requested additional funding from the General Obligation Bond (series 2007) in the amount of \$363,490.00 for the purchase of voting equipment. Councilman Prange made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Wheeler seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Murphy made the first reading of the Emergency Transfer Requests. Councilman Prange made a motion to approve upon first reading. Councilman Brewer seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Prosecutor Rick Poynter requested a transfer of funds in the amount of \$454.93 from 1-8-322-1 (travel/criminal) to 1-8-211-1 (office supplies). Councilman Prange made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Brewer seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Murphy announced the public hearing for Council Recommendation for unit's budgets, levies and rates. Councilman Murphy opened the floor for public comment and there was none. Councilman Pottschmidt made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Schepman seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Jim Plump, Executive Director of Jackson County Industrial Development Corporation appeared before Council requesting the continuation of a tax abatement for Integrity Design. Larry and Beverly Bryant plan to move the business from its present 2710 Montgomery Drive to 10530 N. U.S. 31. Attorney Susan Bevers explained that Baron Bullard, who owns Quality by Design Packing, has purchased the property at 2710 Montgomery Drive. Susan will advertise for a public meeting to be held October 19, 2011 to consider continuing the tax abatement.

Councilman Murphy read aloud an email received from Councilman Thompson who was not able to attend the meeting due to illness.

Attorney Susan Bevers presented Ordinance 17, 18 and 19 which are Ordinances to consolidate all of the Covered Bridge funds into one Covered Bridge Maintenance fund. Councilman Murphy read each Ordinance aloud. Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve upon first reading. Councilman Wheeler seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve upon second reading. Councilman Wheeler seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Murphy made the first reading of Ordinance 2011-21. Ordinance 2011-21 is an Ordinance establishing a non-reverting Pre-trial Deferral fund for collection of pre-trial deferral fees. Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve upon first reading. Councilman Pottschmidt seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Murphy made the second reading of Ordinance 2011-21. Councilman Prange made a motion to approve upon second reading. Councilwoman Schepman seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Murphy made the first reading of Ordinance 2011-22. Ordinance 2011-22 is an

Ordinance establishing a non-reverting Pre-trial Diversion fund for collection of pre-trial diversion fees. Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve upon first reading. Councilman Wheeler seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carries. Councilman Murphy made the second reading of Ordinance 2011-22. Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve upon second reading. Councilman Wheeler seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Murphy made the first reading of Ordinance 2011-23. Ordinance 2011-23 is an Ordinance establishing a non- reverting adoptive asset forfeiture fund for monies received by a law enforcement agency as a result of forfeiture. The Ordinance did not pass due to lack of a motion.

Council Members signed Ordinance 2011-24 which is an ordinance to match the CEDIT Inventory Credit with the Seymour City Limits. The Ordinance was voted on and approved at the August 17, 2011 meeting.

Councilman Brewer made a motion to reappoint Amy Hartly to the Library Board. Councilman Prange seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

The regular meeting of the County Council was adjourned and Council began the 2012 Budget Hearing at 9:30 AM.

After breaking for lunch, Councilman Prange dismissed himself from the meeting.

Council Members proceeded to go through the proposed budget estimates for budget year 2012.

Council Members discussed a request made from Detention Center Director John Long eliminate the three (3) supervisory positions and fill the Deputy Director position. Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve the requested changes for the remainder of 2011. Councilman Wheeler seconded. Five (5) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Wheeler stated that after researching the pay scale in three offices in the courthouse it was found that there are significant discrepancies in pay rates for the three offices. Councilman Brewer also spoke and recommended that a reclassification of First Deputy positions be reclassified to Executive III, Second Deputies be moved to First Deputy pay and all other deputies be reclassified as Comot I.

Councilman Murphy led the discussion on adding another Sheriff's Deputy.

Councilman Brewer stated that he would like more time to look over the pay changes. Councilman Wheeler agreed.

Council Members reviewed and made necessary cuts from the Departmental Budgets. Council will make the final adoption of the budget on October 19, 2011.

The meeting recessed until October 19, 2011.

Charlie Murphy – President

J.L. Brewer

Leon Pottschmidt

Brian Wheeler

Rebecca Schepman

Greg Prange

Brian Thompson

Debra Eggeman - attest