

MINUTES
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL
September 26, 2012

Councilman Murphy called the Regular Meeting of the Jackson County Council to order at 8:00 AM and led the Pledge of Allegiance and The Lords Prayer. Sheriff Mike Carothers performed the swearing in of the Council.

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

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

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2012 meeting as presented. Councilwoman Schepman seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Prange arrived.

County Commissioner John Schafstall requested guidance on where to pay an invoice (2,923.00) for the clean up of property in the Cortland area. Council agreed to pay the invoice from the Commissioners budget.

Jay Fischer with SIHO appeared before Council and discussed the potential options, savings and uses involving the proposed Health Care Unit for Jackson County employees. Mr. Fischer has been working with employers in Seymour and hopes to open the Health Clinic in the near future. Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard stated that although there are still some unknowns about the cost, he feels that this will provide future savings on health care.

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

EMS Director Dennis Brasher submitted an Additional request in the amount of \$25,000.00 from the EMS fund for additional staffing. Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve. Councilman Prange seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Mike Carothers presented an Additional request in the amount of \$16,000.00 from the General Fund for Jailers Overtime. Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Thompson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Clerk Amanda Lowery presented an Additional request from the General Fund in the amount of \$20,000.00 for postage. Councilwoman Schepman made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Wheeler seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

County Coroner Roger Wheeler presented an Additional request from the General fund in the amount of \$5,000.00 to cover the cost of autopsies. Councilman Thompson made a motion to

approve the request. Councilwoman Schepman seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin presented an Additional request from the Motor Vehicle Highway fund in the amount of \$15,000.00 for bituminous mixed aggregate. Councilman Prange made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Brewer seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Murphy stated that non-binding review forms have been received from county units opened floor for public comment. No comments were made. Councilman Brewer made a motion to accept the review forms as submitted. Councilman Prange seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Brewer stated that there is nothing in place to allow for the training of new personnel when there is a vacancy caused by retirement. Councilman Murphy stated that he feels Council should look at this on a case to case basis when it occurs. There will be a vacancy in the Detention Center due to the retirement of Office Manager Gloria Baughman. Detention Center Director John Long stated that he has funds in place to cover the cost of training of a new employee but the salary ordinance will have to be amended to reflect the position. Councilman Brewer made a motion to amend the 2012 salary ordinance to reflect two (2) Office Manager Positions from October 18, 2012 to December 31, 2012. Councilman Thompson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Mike Carothers submitted the Jail Report and Inmate Meal Expenditure Report for August 2012.

The regular meeting of the County Council adjourned and the 2013 budget hearings began.

Council Members began the process of reviewing budget estimates for each county office and applied a 3% pay increase for employees.

Councilman Prange left early.

Council Members reviewed all submitted budgets and made cuts where necessary.

Councilman Pottschmidt made a motion to reclassify the Building Commissioners position from an Exec II to an Exec I and the secretary from a COMOT IV to a COMOT II. Councilman Wheeler seconded. Five (5) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Thompson voted no.

Councilwoman Schepman made a motion to reclassify the Emergency Management Director position from an Unclassified to and Exec II. Councilman Brewer seconded. Four (4) yes votes, motion carried.

Council members agreed that the 200 and 300 accounts in the Circuit Court budget should be left the same with the exception of office supplies which will be raised to \$7,500.00.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to make the Animal Control Officer a full time position. Councilman Murphy seconded, motion carried.

Council Members agreed to reclassify the Highway Office Manager position from a Comot I position to a Chief Deputy Position. No vote taken.

Council Members agree to reclassify the Health Office Manager position from a Comot I to a Chief Deputy Position. No vote taken

The 2013 Budget Hearings were adjourned.

Charlie Murphy - President

J.L. Brewer

Leon Pottschmidt

Becky Schepman

Brian Wheeler

Brian Thompson

Greg Prange

Debra Eggeman - attest