

MINUTES  
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
February 20, 2013

Members Present: Councilman Charlie Murphy, Councilman Joe Bowman, Councilman Leon Pottschmidt, Councilman Brian Wheeler, Councilman Greg Prange, Councilman Brian Thompson and Councilwoman Rebecca Schepman.

Councilman Charlie Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The Lords Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. First Deputy Sheriff, Andy Wayman, did the swearing in of the Council.

Councilman Greg Prange made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2013 meeting as presented. Councilman Brian Wheeler seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin, introduced Mitch Patrick to the Council members as the new Maintenance Employee for the county.

Jason Fee -Project Engineer from Janssen & Spaans Engineering, Inc., on behalf of the Commissioners, brought before the Council a summary of costs for the Courthouse Expansion. The summary was broke down into two columns-the original cost amount and the alternate smaller project amount. Fee reminded them that these amounts were however only estimates. Fee also let the Council know that there is nothing signed at this point but once he has the approval they are ready to go. The additional request to purchase 2 properties for Courthouse Expansion is:

Parcel 1: The Lewis Insurance Office located at 202 E Walnut Street for \$127,194.32 plus closing costs.

Parcel 2: Residential house located at 109 S Sugar Street for \$112,900.00 plus closing costs.

Motion was made by Councilman Leon Pottschmidt to approve the request of the approximate amount of \$250,000.00 to be taken out of the Rainy Day fund to purchase Parcel 1 and Parcel 2. Councilman Wheeler seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Jerry Hounshel, on behalf of the Expansion Committee, came before Council to request a new appointment to replace former Councilman JL Brewer. Councilman Joe Bowman volunteered to serve on the Committee as Brewer's replacement. He will be serving with Councilman Pottschmidt and Councilman Wheeler.

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin, presented three (3) additional requests to the council. Two (2) additional are for paving and one (1) is for equipment.

Requests are as follows:

From Cumulative Capital Development Fund -\$542,094 for three (3) trucks.

From CEDIT – Capital Outlays \$625,000 for contract paving.

From Local Roads and Streets- \$375,000 for contract paving.

Councilman Brian Thompson made a motion to approve the request on First reading. Councilman Pottschmidt seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the additional of capital outlays \$500,000 from Rainy Day Fund upon second reading. Councilman Pottschmidt seconded the motion. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Prange made a motion to approve the additional appropriation of capital outlays \$400,000 from CEDIT upon second reading. Councilwoman Rebecca Schepman seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

The breakdown on the \$500,000 amount from Rainy Day Fund -\$250,000 for purchase of the courthouse expansion project and the additional \$250,000 for contract paving since only \$400,000 was approved to be appropriated from CEDIT for contract paving.

Jackson County Clerk requested an additional of \$478 from the General Fund for funds needed to cover payroll expenses for voter registration caused by employee change. The payout of vacation/sick/comp time caused fund to be short for the new employee for 2013 payroll. This request along with the Cumulative Capital Development -\$542,094 for equipment purchase and the Local Roads and Streets request of \$375,000 for contract paving were tabled since the county had not received the Budget Order at time of meeting. Motion to table these 3 additional requests was made by Councilman Thompson. Councilman Prange seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Planning Commissioner Mike Weir informed the Council of the 2012 IN Residential Energy Code that went into effect in April 2012. Jackson-Jennings Home Builders Association President Fred Vogel and Vice President Bob Gillaspay then presented to council more information on the details of this code. All Indiana counties have until 2017 to become compliant with the energy code. Weir is urging the Council to help fund the start up cost of hiring a Building Inspector for the county. Weir is wanting to have at least a part time Inspector at this time. Once building fees are adopted the revenue collected could then fund the County Building Inspector's pay. Weir informed that changes are coming –ordinances will be needed that will require contractors to be registered with the county. County Commissioner Jerry Hounshel stated that Commissioners had been briefed on this topic back at Budget time.

Dave Willey, on behalf of the Brownstown Fire Protection District, informed Council that property located at 114 S Poplar St (adjacent to Brownstown Fire Dept and town hall) that was listed at \$36,000 has been negotiated for purchase of \$24,000. This price includes the demolition of the existing home for the future fire house expansion.

Jim Gutting of Barnes & Thornburg LLP introduced the 2013 Bond Ordinance. The Bond is for up to and not to exceed \$1,980,000 to pay for a list of capital projects. The Bond is a three (3) year payback with payments to be made from property taxes collections. Motion was made by Councilman Thompson to approve the First Reading of the 2013 Bond. Councilwoman Schepman seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

The following Transfer of Funds was presented to the Council:

\$3,000 from Election Board -Fund 1-22-118-1 to Fund 1-22-333  
\$3,000 from Election Board -Fund 1-22-116-1 to Fund 1-22-333  
\$3,000 from Election Board –Fund1-22-116-3 to Fund 1-22-333  
\$15,639 within the Local Health Fund Budget from Fund 24 to Fund 240

For above listed transfers Councilman Pottschmidt made a motion to approve upon First Reading. Councilman Wheeler seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

The following Transfer of Funds was then presented for second reading:

\$3,000 from Election Board- Fund 1-22-118-1 to 1-22-333  
\$3,000 from Election Board- Fund 1-22-116-1 to 1-22-333  
\$3,000 from Election Board- Fund 1-22-116-3 to 1-22-333

These transfers were needed to cover yearly maintenance expense. Motion was made by Councilman Wheeler to approve upon Second Reading. Councilwoman Schepman seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

The following Transfer of Funds was then presented for second reading:

\$15,639 within the Local Health Fund Budget from Fund 24 to Fund 240

This transfer is to separate excess funds from previous years grant money from current year grant funds. Motion was made by Councilman Pottschmidt to approve upon Second Reading. Councilwoman Schepman seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter presented all council members with copies of Form 100R for review.

Jim Plump of Jackson County Industrial Development Corp, approached Council with a request for an abatement on behalf of Integrity Manufacturing Inc. for the proposed purchase of a CNC Lathe Machine at a cost of \$85,000. With the purchase of this machine, they will provide two (2) additional jobs, currently the company has 10 employees. A Resolution Approving a Tax Abatement for Integrity Manufacturing Inc was presented which allowed a 10 year tax abatement specific to the CNC Lathe Machine purchase. Councilman Prange made a motion to approve the 10 year personal property tax abatement. Councilman Wheeler seconded the motion. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Thompson informed Council that House Bill 1472, Cagit Tax, had cleared the House at First Reading and was up for Second Reading today (Feb 20, 2013).

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard, on behalf of the Energy Committee, confirmed with Councilman Prange that he is in agreement to serve as representation for the council on the Energy Committee.

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

Signed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013

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Charlie Murphy – President

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Becky Schepman

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Leon Pottschmidt

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Greg Prange

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Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest