

MINUTES
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL
April 17, 2013- 6:00 P.M.

This meeting was held at the Jackson County Sheriff's Department.

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

All Council members were present for meeting.

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

Sheriff Mike Carothers then escorted all present at the meeting to the Jail Kitchen for a meal provided by the Sheriff's Department.

Councilman Brian Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2013 meeting as amended. Councilman Greg Prange seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Murphy preformed the first reading of Ordinance No. 10-Council Bill No.10, an Additional Appropriation for Right-of-Way Purchase.

-From County Hwy-Other Services & Charges, \$12,540.

Councilman Prange made a motion to approve on first reading. Councilman Leon Pottschmidt seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Murphy then preformed the second reading of Ordinance No. 10-Council Bill No. 10. Motion to approve upon second reading was made by Councilman Thompson. Motion was seconded by Councilman Brian Wheeler. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Jackson County Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin then discussed with Council, the matching funds of the Vallonia Stormwater Grant. The county's portion of matching funds is \$134,000. In order to finish the application, he needs to know what county fund the \$134,000 would come from if the grant was approved. After discussion, Councilman Prange made a motion that upon grant approval the \$134,000 would come from the Rainy Day Fund. Councilman Thompson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Judge MacTavish came before Council with information regarding a staff change. With the change, Judge MacTavish will be an estimated \$3,000 over the salaries budgeted for the year. This is due to training the new employee and paying vacation days of the retiring employee.

Juvenile Detention Center Director, John Long presented for review the March 2013 monthly report to Council members.

Long then discussed with council the education program at the JC Detention Center. From 2000-2007, Brownstown Central School Corp provided a Full -Time Teacher. In 2007 this was cut to ½ day teacher. In 2011 this was cut to only a substitute teacher for ½ day. This continued till last month, in which no teacher was provided. Since the Juvenile Detention

Center must provide a teacher, the Assistant Director has picked up this responsibility as well. Long has spoke with BCSC and they are will to provide \$13,000/yr if they do not have to provide the teacher. Long requested the following changes to solve this problem: Reclassify Assistant Director to Exec 1 level and bring back two (2) supervisor positions from existing personnel. Long stated that he had gone before commissioners on April 16, 2013 and had received approval pending Council approval. After much discussion the following motion was made by Councilman Thompson: Adjust the Salary Ordinance to reflect the Juvenile Detention Center Assistant Director change from Exec 2 level to Exec 1 level and then change two (2) of the existing detention officer positions to supervisor positions for the remainder of 2013. Councilman Pottschmidt seconded this motion. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

An update was then given on the 2013 GOB series. The signing of sale documents for the bonds will be April 18, 2013 at Lorenzo & Bevers Law Office in Seymour. The closing and transfer of funds will be on Monday, April 22, 2013.

Jackson County Attorney, Susan Bevers then discussed with Council members an outstanding invoice (dated 5-21-2012) from 2012 for attorney fees related to the Jackson Co. Courthouse Refunding Bond from the Lorenzo & Bevers Law Office. After discussion, the following motion was made by Councilman Thompson: Pay \$11,670.51 out of Rainy Day, this is the amount left over after the purchases of the Lewis and Thomas Properties (Courthouse Expansion Project). The remainder of the bill is to be paid from the Commissioners line item. Councilman Pottschmidt seconded the motion. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Jackson County Sheriff Mike Carothers presented Council with the Jackson County Jail February 2013 monthly report, the February 2013 Meal Expenditure Report and the February 2013 Dog Detention Report.

Sheriff Carothers then told Council members of a letter received from an inmate who was held for five (5) days at the Jackson County Jail. In the letter it stated that he had an injured foot upon his arrival to the jail and was very happy with the care that he had received from the Jail Nurse.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard gave the Council members an update on the SIHO clinic. Hubbard stated that in six (6) weeks, 26% of employees have utilized the clinic. This is 52 employees with 86 appointments. Prior surveys averaged only 10 to 15% participation.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Prange. Motion seconded by Councilman Thompson. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

After the meeting was adjourned, Sheriff Carothers provided a tour of the Jackson County Sheriff's Dept.

Signed this 17th day of April, 2013

Charlie Murphy – President

Joe Bowman

Brian Wheeler

Brian Thompson

Becky Schepman

Leon Pottschmidt

Greg Prange

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest