

MINUTES
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL
May 15, 2013

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

Members Absent: Councilman Charlie Murphy

The Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Councilman Brain Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Sheriff Mike Carothers preformed the swearing in of the Council.

Councilman Leon Pottschmidt made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2013 meeting. Councilman Brian Wheeler seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Wheeler stated that the Jackson County Juvenile Home held a nice ceremony for the renaming of the Home to the Judge Robert Brown Jackson County Juvenile Home.

Andrew Nehrt, for Proform Plastic Inc came before council to request the annual renewal for two (2) abatements. The abatement for the building addition was granted for 10 years in April 2006. The abatement for the warehouse was granted for 10 years in 2003. Nehrt reported to council that the business is growing. Councilman Greg Prange made a motion to continue both abatements. Councilman Wheeler seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Mike Reynolds, for Brickyard Lumber came before council to request renewal of the 10 year abatement that was granted in 2008. Reynolds gave a report on Brickyard Lumber, stating the growth that has occurred. It was found that Brickyard Lumber has not been in annual compliance since the abatement was granted in 2008. After discussion was held, it was determined that County Attorney Susan Bevers do some research as to what the options are in this situation. Councilman Wheeler made a motion to table the decision until the June Council meeting. Councilwoman Becky Schepman seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Jack Napier, with Regal Industries came before council to request renewal on a 10 year abatement. This abatement was originally granted when Regal Industries was Crothersville Supply. It needs to be determined if this is the last year for this abatement. Councilman Pottschmidt made a motion to approve. Councilman Wheeler seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Matt Lodes, with Indiana Steel & Tube was not present to request abatement renewal.

Jack Gillespie, representing the Soil & Water Conservation Board, came before council to inform them that next year all townships in Jackson County will be asked to budget \$3,000 for weed control. He also stated that private farms will take care of weeds on their property.

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

Juvenile Detention Center Director, John Long presented the April 2013 Report for the Detention Center to Council. He also stated that the “new” education situation is going well.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard, stated that Council needs to make two (2) outside appointments to the Assessment Board of Review.

Hubbard also came before Council asking of their intent for the unused 2010 GOB monies. He stated that the county needs a new phone system. He did not get to ask for this out of the 2013 GOB series. He stated that he has received quotes for the phone system and it would be approximately \$110,000 - \$120,000. After discussion, Councilman Prange made a motion of intent to use some of the unused 2010 GOB monies to pay for the new county phone system. Councilwoman Schepman seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Pottschmidt discussed the AIC meeting held with David Bottorff. He stated that \$600,000 would be given back to the county, split over 2 years. This is the states way of giving back to the counties to apply to the roads. He stated that receiving this money does not tie the county to the acceptance of wheel tax.

It was reported that HB 1546 changed to HEA 1546. Discussion followed regarding the County’s special CAGIT, what this means to the county and what may need to be done.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Prange. Motion seconded by Councilman Pottschmidt. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Signed this 19th day of June, 2013

Charlie Murphy – President

Joe Bowman

Brian Wheeler

Brian Thompson

Becky Schepman

Leon Pottschmidt

Greg Prange

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest

