

MINUTES
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL
August 21, 2013
8:00 AM

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

Members Absent: All members present.

Councilman Charlie Murphy called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. The Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Sheriff Mike Carothers preformed the swearing in of the Council.

Councilman Leon Pottschmidt made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2013 meeting. Councilman Greg Prange seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from other committees: Councilman Brian Thompson stated that he has attended meetings that Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard has held with SIHO regarding rates. Hubbard informed Council that the current contract will end September 30, 2013. Hubbard also stated that to get through the end of the year, he will be asking for an additional of \$200,000 to cover insurance costs. Hubbard and Councilman Thompson stated that all options are being addressed to try to get the best rate for next year. The next insurance meeting will be held on Sept 9th. Hubbard informed Council members that the trial period with the 4 Your Health SIHO clinic will be over at the end of August and discussion has began to see about extending the trail period.

Councilman Charlie Murphy gave the first reading of the Additional Ordinance #22-2013. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve upon first reading. Councilman Joe Bowman seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Murphy then performed the second reading of the Additional Ordinance #22-2013. The following motions were made:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Vote</u>
\$15,000	153-Rainy Day	Councilman Thompson	Councilman Wheeler	7-0
\$635,323	25-Cum Bridge	Councilman Pottschmidt	Councilman Wheeler	7-0
\$125,400	2-Highway	Councilman Wheeler	Councilman Prange	7-0
\$5,000	5-Health	Councilman Pottschmidt	Councilman Prange	7-0

Terrye Davidson, Jenny Harrison and Becky Alexander came before Council to give Centerstone's 2012 annual report. They reported about services provided to the county. Council thanked them for the information given.

Council members then discussed two (2) board appointments that needed to be made; For the Regional Sewage District Board, Dave Eggers was nominated. Councilman Thompson made a motion to appoint Eggers to the Regional Sewage District Board. Councilman Pottschmidt seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Tina McCormick was recommended to be appointed to the Brownstown Public Library Board. Councilman Prange made a motion to approve the recommendation. Councilman Thompson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Planning and Zoning commissioner, Mike Weir came before Council to discuss the upcoming move of Planning and Zoning to 202 E Walnut St. in Brownstown, prior to Courthouse expansion purchase, known as the Lewis Insurance Agency. He discussed getting furniture from the Jackson County Detention Center. He stated that in order to finish off the two offices, he will need to spend another \$705.00. He also discussed making the large front room of the office into a meeting room. The Office Center has given quotes for tables and chairs for the meeting room. The economy price is \$2,700.00. The higher end furniture was quoted at \$4,500.00. Weir stated that within his budget, he has approximately \$3,900.00 to put toward this purchase. Weir stated that the department will need a new fax/copier (approx. \$800.00) and a recording system (no quote at time of meeting) as well. Weir informed Council that he will submit an additional to be addressed at the next meeting.

County Attorney, Susan Bevers presented the Declaration of County Tax Rates for approval. After discussion and review of the paper to be submitted, Councilman Prange made a motion to approve. Councilman Pottschmidt seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin reported to Council that approximately 27 miles of chip and seal have been completed. He stated that Commissioners had advised him to get quotes for purchasing a new distributor truck and that he will ask for an additional at a future meeting. Martin then presented information to Council regarding the first six (6) months of the maintenance position. Martin then gave each Council member a copy of the Assistant Highway Supervisor Job Description.

Sheriff Mike Carothers presented the July 2013 Jail Report, the July 2013 Meal Expenditure Report and the July 2013 Dog Detention Report. Sheriff Carothers also provided each Council member with a copy of the Jail Staffing Analysis that was performed by Bennett Associates. He asked Council to review the information and the recommendations given in the Staffing Analysis Report .

Sheriff Carothers gave to Attorney Bevers the Sheriff's Department Retirement Plan Changes for review.

Councilman Murphy stated that Council will break before going into Budget Hearings. The regular meeting of the County Council was adjourned.

Department Heads and Elected Officials each appeared at their scheduled time to present and discuss budget requests for 2014.

Signed this 18th day of September, 2013

Charlie Murphy – President

Joe Bowman

Brian Wheeler

Brian Thompson

Becky Schepman

Leon Pottschmidt

Greg Prange

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest