

MINUTES  
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
August 20, 2014  
8:00 AM

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

Members Absent: None

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

Councilman Brian Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2014.  
Councilman Joe Bowman seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from Other Committees:**

Councilman Greg Prange on behalf of the Ambulance Board discussed the route it is pursuing to attain an ambulance substation on the East side of the railroad tracks in Seymour. The ambulance board has decided to try to obtain the Garage Building and property it sits on at the vacant State Police Post in Seymour. The Ambulance Board asked Attorney Bevers to prepare a letter of support and ask the Jackson County Council to sign. This letter will be sent to Representative Jim Lucas to present to the Governor of Indiana. Councilman Thompson made a motion to sign the letter of support. Councilman Brian Wheeler seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried

Councilman Leon Pottschmidt stated that the Planning Commission Board met last evening and will be coming to the next Council meeting with information discussed.

**End of Reports from Other Committees**

Councilman Pottschmidt then presented the annual Declaration of County Tax Rates for fiscal year October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2015.

CAGIT-County Adjusted Gross Income tax rate of .01 and .001 for Correctional facility for a total rate of .011.

CEDIT- County Economic Development Income tax rate of .0025 and Homestead rate of .0025 for total rate of .005.

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

Councilman Pottschmidt then performed the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Additional Appropriation 2014 –No. 14.  
The additional requests are as follows:

County Highway Fund: Guardrail 2-23410-0531 \$1,227.48 Insurance reimb for damaged guardrail  
Gas/Oil 2-22100-0533 \$4,440.69 Sales tax reimb for gas/diesel  
MVH Paving 2-23600-0531 \$81,640.00

Cumulative Bridge Fund: Bridge#195 25-19500-115 \$22,024.70 80% reimb total from State  
Bridge#228 25-22800-115 \$1,549.70 100% reimb from State

Councilman Wheeler made a motion to approve upon 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Councilwoman Rebecca Schepman seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Pottschmidt then performed

the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Additional Appropriation 2014 –No. 14. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve upon 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Councilman Wheeler seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin presented information for completed 2014 paving. Martin stated that 24.4 mi of road was paved for a total of \$1,455,953.76. Also, 37.2 mi of road has been chip/sealed at a cost of \$290,000.

Martin then stated that the progress of the Rockford Bridge #228 has not remained on schedule. He stated that he is doing everything he can to get this project back on track. Martin also stated that if the bridge is not ready for traffic on November 30, 2014, a \$1,500 a day fine will be implemented.

Sheriff Carothers then provided Council with the July 2014 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report and Dog Detention Report.

Sheriff Carothers and County Attorney Susan Bevers then asked Council for approval of a change to the Sheriff Departments Deferred Comp Plan with McCready and Keene, Inc. This change was requested by the IRS and has been approved by the county Merit Board. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve. Councilman Bowman seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Juvenile Detention Center Director, Steve Redicker, presented Council with the JCJDC July 2014 report.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard presented a year to date report of the health insurance costs. Hubbard stated that there is approximately \$430,000 left in the 2014 budget. He also stated that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter report from SIHO showed that the county has paid approximately \$100,000 less in claims to date for 2014 then in 2013.

Barb Stout with Jackson County Drug and Alcohol discussed two (2) Additional Appropriation requests for that office which will be presented at the September Council meeting. After discussion, Councilman Prange made a motion of intent to approve. Councilman Wheeler seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

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

The Budget Hearing for 2015 will begin at 9:00AM.

Signed this 20th day of August, 2014.

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Leon Pottschmidt – President

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Charlie Murphy

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Greg Prange

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Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest