

MINUTES
 JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL
 September 17, 2014
 8:00 AM

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

Members Absent: Councilman Joe Bowman

PUBLIC HEARING
2015 BINDING BUDGETS

Budget Reviewed	Questions/Comments	Hearing Closed
Jackson Co Solid Waste	None	Closed
Jackson Washington Fire Department	None	Closed
Grassy Fork Fire Department	None	Closed
Redding Fire Department	None	Closed
Salt Creek Fire Department	None	Closed
Hamilton Fire Department	None	Closed
Pershing Fire Department	None	Closed
Driftwood Fire Department	None	Closed
Brownstown Fire Department	None	Closed
Brownstown Central Community Schools	None	Closed
Jackson County	None	Closed

Councilman Charlie Murphy made a motion to accept on 1st reading the 2015 Binding Budgets as presented. Councilman Greg Prange seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

2015 NON-BINDING

Brandon Robbins with Reedy Financial then discussed the 21 units of Non-Binding Budgets, stating the 2.7% growth quotient for 2015.

Following are the 21 Non-Binding Units:

Budget Reviewed	Questions/Comments	Reviewed/Recommendations
Brownstown Civil Town	None	Yes
Brownstown Public Library	None	Yes
Brownstown Township	None	Yes
Carr Township	None	Yes
Crothersville Civil Town	None	Yes
Crothersville Community School Corporation	None	Yes
Driftwood Township	None	Yes
Grassy Fork Township	None	Yes
Hamilton Township	None	Yes

Jackson County Public Library	None	Yes
Jackson Township	None	Yes
Medora Civil Town	None	Yes
Medora Community School Corporation	None	Yes
Owen Township	None	Yes
Pershing Township	None	Yes
Redding Township	None	Yes
Salt Creek Township	None	Yes
Seymour Civil City	None	Yes
Seymour Community School Corporation	None	Yes
Vernon Township	None	Yes
Washington Township	None	Yes

With approval to sign as presented a memo will be sent out to each individual unit. Councilman Brian Thompson made a motion for Council President Leon Pottschmidt to sign as presented. Councilman Brian Wheeler seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Leon Pottschmidt called the Regular meeting to order following the closure of the Public Hearing.

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

Sheriff Mike Carothers performed the swearing in of the Council.

Councilman Murphy made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2014 meeting. Councilman Prange seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from Other Committees: None

Mike Weir with Planning and Zoning then discussed Ordinance 2014-17, Council Bill #13 with Council members. This ordinance will change permit fees and will be effective January 1, 2015. Councilman Pottschmidt then performed 1st reading of Ordinance 2014-17, Council Bill #13. Councilwoman Rebecca Schepman made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Councilman Wheeler seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Pottschmidt then performed the 2nd reading by Title Only of Ordinance 2014-17, Council Bill #13. Councilman Murphy made a motion to approve upon 2nd reading. Councilman Prange seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Judge Poynter then appeared before Council to discuss an additional appropriation request included in Ordinance 2014 -No. 16. Judge Poynter is requesting \$60,000.00 for payment for public defenders. Judge Poynter stated that there has been an increase in cases that require pauper council. Council voiced their concern that Judge Poynter raised, without the consultation of Council, the amount being paid to public defenders who represent “A” cases. Judge Poynter agreed that he did raise the amount in May 2014, from \$500 to \$2,000. Judge Poynter also stated that starting October 1, 2014, his court is changing to a contract system, which will utilize 4 public defenders instead of the current 13 -14. Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter and Council also voiced their concern about paying the public defenders up front, stating that work is paid for upon completion.

Councilman Pottschmidt then performed the 1st reading of Ordinance 2014- No. 16. Councilman Prange made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Councilman Murphy seconded. Four (4) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Thompson and Councilman Wheeler abstained. Councilman Pottschmidt then performed the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2014-No. 16. The ordinance is for the following additional appropriations:

County General	10000 Personal Services	60,000	Circuit Ct. public defender	1-11650-232
			7,000 Juv Home Alt. houseparent	1-11393-9600
	20000 Supplies	2,000	Juv Home Supplies	1-21320-9600
	30000 Other Serv & Chgs	2,000	Juv Home Travel	1-32200-9600

User Fees Drug & Alcohol	20000 Supplies	2,000	office supplies	18-21100-000
	30000 Other Serv & Chgs	3,240	Contractors	18-31170-000

County Highway 20000 Supplies 40,040 Salt/Cinders 2-22220-0531

Cum Cap Development	30000 Other Serv & Chgs	5,000	Juv Home Equip Repair	140-45300-000
		5,000	Juv Home Bldg Repair	140-44320-000

Councilman Murphy made a motion to approve upon 2nd reading. Councilman Prange seconded. Four (4) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Thompson and Councilman Wheeler abstained. Auditor Hohenstreiter was then instructed by Council to request a Letter of Instruction from Judge Poynter stating that Public Defenders are to be paid in advance for their services.

Mark Norman and John Schafstall, on behalf of the Jackson County Fair Board presented a report/update of the restroom project. Norman stated that the total cost was \$213,263.51 (this does not include donated time/materials). They informed Council that \$62,770 was collected in cash donations and \$20,000 of in kind donations. Norman and Schafstall stated that the restroom is paid in full but that the balance after the fair is way down and therefore cannot do any other improvements until the balance has been built up. Councilman Thompson asked that someone be present at the next GOB meeting, present a plan and ask to be included in the next bond. Councilman Thompson also requested, if appropriate, for a council member to sit on the building committee for the fair grounds.

Jackson Jennings Community Correction Director, JL Brewer presented Council with the Annual Report for Community Corrections of July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014.

Sheriff Carothers then presented the August 2014 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report and Dog Detention Report.

Juvenile Detention Center Director, Steve Redicker then presented the August 2014 Juvenile Detention Center Report.

Jackson County Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin stated that he is expecting a 20% increase in the price of salt.

Auditor Hohenstreiter informed Council that Funds previously going into Fund 175 (CHINS) will now be going to the General Fund under the Juvenile Home-chins revenue account 1-00222-000.

Councilman Prange made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Thompson seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

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

Signed this 20th day of August, 2014.

Leon Pottschmidt – President

Joe Bowman

Brian Wheeler

Brian Thompson

Becky Schepman

Charlie Murphy

Greg Prange

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest