

MINUTES
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL
January 21, 2015
6:00 PM

Members Present: Councilman Leon Pottschmidt, Councilwoman Rebecca Schepman,
Councilman Brian Thompson, Councilman Joe Bowman, Councilman
Charlie Murphy, Councilwoman Bridey Jacobi
Members Absent: Councilman Michael Davidson

Councilman Leon Pottschmidt called the Regular meeting to order at 6:00pm.
The Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were recited.
Sheriff Mike Carothers performed the swearing in of the Council.

Election of Officers for 2015:

Councilman Charlie Murphy made a motion to nominate Councilman Leon Pottschmidt for President. Councilman Brian Thompson seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.
Councilman Murphy made a motion to nominate Councilman Thompson for Vice President. Councilman Joe Bowman seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.
Nominations closed.

Councilwoman Rebecca Schepman made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2014 and the December 30, 2014 meetings. Councilman Joe Bowman seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from Other Committees:

It was brought to Council attention that the Plan Commission will need to ask for an additional appropriation later due to costs associated with CAFO.

End of reports from other committees.

Dr. Kenneth Bobb, Kimberli Myers and Paul Ramsey came before Council to discuss work that needs to be done to the exterior of the Health Department. Insulation was inserted into the cinder blocks last year leaving holes in the exterior of the building. Commissioners have approved spending up to \$28,000 for insulated Vinyl siding pending council approval. Commissioners did request quotes for other exterior options as well. Quotes were received from Royalty, Midwest Exteriors, Redline, Farris Constructions and KZ Painting. Before a decision was made, a discussion was held on how the current building fits the Health Departments current needs and how it will fit future needs. After discussion, Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve this project being paid from the 2013 GOB-fund 4912-42100 (building repair & upkeep). Councilman Murphy seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Paul Ramsey then discussed the need to replace the transmission in the Health Departments 2004 Dodge Dakota. Quotes were received from Bedels and Bryan Bowman. After discussion, Council advised paying for this repair from the Health Departments current budget and to return later in year if additional funds are needed.

Council then addressed the Sheriff contract. It was noted that Sheriff Mike Carothers and the Commissioners have approved the contract. It was stated that no changes were made from the

previous contract with the exception of Salary. Councilman Thompson made a motion to accept and approve the contract. Councilman Bowman seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried. Council President Pottschmidt signed the contract.

Jackson County Visitor Center Director, John Burkhart came before Council requesting a non-reverting fund for the Visitor Center Gift Shop. This request is so new inventory can be purchased to replace items sold.

Councilman Pottschmidt then read Ordinance #3- Council Bill #1 2015-An ordinance establishing a non-reverting gift shop fund. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Councilwoman Schepman seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Pottschmidt then performed the 2nd reading of Ordinance # 3 – Council Bill #1 2015 by title only. Councilwoman Bridey Jacobi made a motion to approve upon 2nd reading. Councilman Murphy seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Thompson then made a motion to waive 3rd reading for this Ordinance and for all Ordinances of 2015. Councilman Murphy seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Discussion was then held regarding a Public Defender Committee that Commissioners have asked to be put together to look at a future Public Defender Office, etc. Commissioner Tom Joray is on the committee. Councilman Murphy agreed to sit on the committee as well. Councilman Thompson stated that he would agree to be on the committee as long as all members agree to sign an agreement stating that all members are open to all ideas. If members will not sign, Councilman Thompson stated that he does not wish to be on the committee.

Dennis Brasher, on behalf of the Jackson County Ambulance came before Council to discuss a budgeting issue. Brasher stated that the appropriations for Building Repair (\$5,000) and Purchase of Vehicle (\$35,000) were removed from the Ambulance 2015 budget. After discussion, Councilman Thompson made a motion that these monies be paid for through the 2010 GOB-fund 4911. Councilwoman Schepman seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter also informed Council that the Sheriff Dept had an appropriation line for \$12,000 left out of their 2015 budget as well to be paid from GOB 2013 fund 4912-40300.

Auditor Hohenstreiter then asked for Council for direction regarding the \$25,000 that is for the Jackson County Fair Board for 2015. Councilman Thompson made a motion for Auditor Hohenstreiter to distribute these funds to the Jackson County Fair Board. Councilman Murphy seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Old Business:

Council then addressed their nomination for the Jackson County Visitor Center Board. Councilman Murphy nominated Pat Robertson for the board appointment. Councilman Pottschmidt nominated Kendra Zumhingst for the board appointment. Councilman Thompson then moved that the nominations be closed. Councilman Pottschmidt then called for a vote. Pat Robertson received one (1) vote, Kendra Zumhingst received five (5) votes. Kendra Zumhingst will serve on the Jackson County Visitor Center Board.

End of Old Business.

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin then came before Council with the following information:

1. Truck bid packets have been sent out and will be opened the 2nd commissioner meeting in March 2015.
2. Currently working on the 2015 paving program. Approximately 26 miles to be paved and 60 miles of Chip and Seal.

3. Highway Department has been experimenting with a new chemical for ice melt.
4. In 2015, the Highway Department will lease a reclaim machine for approximately 4 weeks.

Sheriff Mike Carothers then presented the December 2014 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report and Dog Detention Report. The Sheriff also presented in accordance with IC 36-8-10-21, the Commissary Report for July 1, 2014 – Dec 31, 2014.

Juvenile Detention Center Director, Steve Redicker presented Council with the Juvenile Detention Center Report for the month of December 2014 and also the annual report of 2014. Redicker also stated that an Inspection was done by the Department of Education on meals served, and he reported that all qualifications were met in respect to the school lunch program. Redicker also stated that the 13th annual DOC review was completed and the Detention Center was in 100% compliance for the 1st time. Redicker stated only 5 of the 22 detention centers received 100%.

Mike Weir with Planning and Zoning then discussed the reasoning for the need of additional funds for the Plan Commission in 2015. Weir stated that after the extra work that was required for CAFO in 2014, the balance in legal fees is already down to \$230. After discussion, Weir was asked to keep the Council advised in regards to this issue.

Councilman Bowman made a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Schepman seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Signed this 18 day of February, 2015.

Leon Pottschmidt – President

Joe Bowman

Michael Davidson

Brian Thompson

Becky Schepman

Charlie Murphy

Bridey Jacobi

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest