

MINUTES
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL
February 18, 2015
6:00 PM

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

Members Absent: None

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

Reports from Other Committees:

Councilman Joe Bowman reported on behalf of the Jackson County Ambulance Board, stating that the board is waiting on the State for finalization of the contract for obtaining the former State Police Post garage in Seymour as an east side ambulance station.

Councilman Bowman also stated that he brought a copy of the 2014 Ambulance annual report that was presented at the last Board meeting if any other councilmember would like to review. It was stated that collections were down 11% in 2014 from 2013.

County Attorney, Susan Bevers then stated that the Public Defender committee has met and received input from County Judges as to their current situation and potential shifts in the criminal code and how it will affect each court. The next meeting will be held February 19, 2015 to discuss work release, jail population and availability of inmates for work release.

Councilman Pottschmidt stated that a meeting was held today (February 18, 2015) at Reedy Financial. This meeting was in regards to assessment issues in Jackson County.

End of reports from other committees.

County Auditor, Kathy Hohenstreiter, presented the 2014 100R for council review. Hohenstreiter stated that this report has been posted at the Jackson County Courthouse, the Jackson County Annex and the Seymour Public Library. The report was also published in The Tribune and The Banner.

J.L Brewer, with Jackson Jennings Community Corrections presented council with the Financial Report from July 1 – January 2015.

Brewer then requested a change to the salary ordinance to add an additional Case Manager. Brewer presented a handout showing the daily home detention and total home detention caseload.

Community Correction added Jennings County in November 2012, which increased the numbers. After discussion, Councilman Murphy made a motion to approve the salary ordinance based on the following reasons:

- Community Corrections Budget will completely fund this position.
- Increase of caseload.

- Changes to the criminal code, increasing the responsibility of Community Corrections.
- Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Rebecca Schepman. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

End of Old Business.

Sheriff Mike Carothers then presented the January 2015 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report and Dog Detention Report.

Sheriff Carothers then stated that the County Dog Facility is one step closer. The facility passed the BZA at the last meeting. This passage was followed by Commissioners allowing a fund to be set up at the Jackson County Community Foundation to start collecting donations toward this facility.

Sheriff Carothers then presented a 2nd Amendment to the Sheriff Departments retirement plan with McCready and Keene Inc. The amendment modifies the retirement age to 55 and the vested time from 8 years to 10 years. This would not affect current employees but only future hires. The amendment also would allow ‘buying’ one year in certain instances. Sheriff Carothers stated that the amendment has been approved by the Merit Board. Council asked Attorney Bevers to review the document and a decision will be made at the March meeting.

Juvenile Detention Center Director, Steve Redicker presented Council with the Juvenile Detention Center Report for January 2015.

Auditor Hohenstreiter presented Council with an update of remaining funds in the 2010 GOB. Hohenstreiter stated that with \$11,648.75 for Superior Court II Court Room Video to be paid when completed -leaves the fund with a balance of \$9,431.51-\$5,000 of this marked for the Jackson County Ambulance for building repair.

Councilman Michael Davidson made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Murphy seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Signed this 18 day of March, 2015.

Leon Pottschmidt – President

Joe Bowman

Michael Davidson

Brian Thompson

Becky Schepman

Charlie Murphy

Bridey Jacobi

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest

