

MINUTES  
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
April 15, 2015  
6:00 PM

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

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.

Councilman Charlie Murphy made a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 15, 2015 Council Meeting as presented. Councilwoman Rebecca Schepman seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from Other Committees:**

Councilman Murphy stated that the Public Defender Board is waiting to meet until May in hopes the legislative update is available.

Councilwoman Bridey Jacobi stated that the Child Care Network is going through personnel changes.

Councilman Joe Bowman stated that the Ambulance Authority Board is still waiting on the contract for the new East side location from the State of Indiana.

**End of reports from other committees.**

Scott Teipen with Tampico Grain appeared before Council for approval of Three (3) abatement renewals. Two (2) Real Estate and One (1) Personal Property abatement. After discussion, Councilwoman Schepman made a motion to approval all three (3) abatement renewals. Councilman Bowman seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Pro Form Plastics, who requested to be on the agenda was not present for the meeting.

Councilman Pottschmidt then performed the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2015 No. 12. Councilman Brian Thompson made a motion to approve upon 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Councilman Michael Davidson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Pottschmidt then performed the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2015 No. 12. The additional is in regards to the following:

Statewide 911 Fund      Capital Outlays \$233,901      Replacement of 911 equipment 20-25 yrs. old

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve upon 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Councilman Bowman seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

**Old Business**

James Lucas appeared before Council regarding his request for a new Real Property abatement and a new Personal Property abatement for James R. Lucas Farms LLC. Lucas discussed the building plan for the building and stated that it will be built to meet the new Zoning Codes. Council then

discussed whether this type of operation qualifies for these abatements. It was determined that he would not qualify for the Personal Property abatement. Councilman Murphy made a motion to table this issue until the May 2015 Council meeting, allowing Council adequate time to gather more information regarding the Real Property abatement. Councilwoman Schepman seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

### **End of Old Business**

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

Commissioner Jerry Hounshel then appeared before Council for the following:

- 1) Commissioner Hounshel stated that there were months and months of work that went into the 'new' CAFO ordinance and that as long as the Lucas project was deemed permissible, Hounshel stated his full support.
- 2) Commissioner Hounshel asked Council for thoughts on the Additional Courthouse Expansion Project. Hounshel stated that Cooler Design had been brought in on the project and presented a projected 8–9 million dollar cost plan. At that time Council tabled the project. He asked for a decision to be made so that work could continue towards that goal, or so that attention could be given to a new project.

Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin presented maps of roads that were paved and roads that were chip and sealed from 2009 to present to the Council. Martin stated that in order to complete the entire 2015 paving project it would be approximately \$58,000 short. Match money that was in the 2015 Cum Bridge budget for Bridge 195 and the Shieldstown Bridge was transferred into the Contract Paving account in the amount of \$100,000 (\$50,000 from each Bridge account) to complete the paving project.

Martin stated that the Highway Dept has rented the reclaimer machine for 30 days and is currently working on roads.

Juvenile Detention Center Director, Steve Redicker was unable to attend the meeting but did send the Juvenile Detention Center Report for March 2015 for review.

Jeff Hubbard, Human Resource Director, presented a comparison for the first 14 weeks of 2014 to 2015 on Insurance Claims and Prescription costs. This comparison showed the county down \$50,000 in expenses.

Hubbard then informed Council that he received Gene Speaker's resignation today from the Board of Zoning Appeals. Council requested he get the resignation in writing and stated they will work on finding a replacement.

County Auditor, Kathy Hohenstreiter presented a Wheel Tax form to council. She asked for them to review the form and discuss the issue at the next meeting.

Joe Bradley asked to address the Council concerning the Lucas Farms abatements. Bradley was on the committee that was formed to look into the changes on the new CAFO ordinance. Bradley, representing the Citizens Committee, supports any abatements that the

Council allows for the James R. Lucas Farms LLC stating the Lucas has fully cooperated with all new requirements of the CAFO ordinance presented from the committee.

Gary Wilson introduced himself to the Council as the new Editor of The Banner.

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

Signed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.

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Joe Bowman

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Michael Davidson

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Brian Thompson

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Becky Schepman

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Charlie Murphy

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Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest