

MINUTES  
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
May 20, 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 April 15, 2015 Council Meeting as presented. Councilwoman Rebecca Schepman seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from Other Committees:**

Councilman Brian Thompson commented on a Highway department meeting that was held earlier in the day. He stated that the MVH money being received will continue, and that annually 1.7 -1.8 million dollars are invested in the county paving program.

Councilman Thompson then spoke in regards to the Public Defender Office. He stated that the committee/board was in complete agreement that starting a Public Defender Office is feasible with the 40% reimbursement from the State of Indiana.

**End of reports from other committees.**

EMS Director, Dennis Brasher, then appeared before Council to discuss changes that have been noticed in revenue. Brasher presented a handout that included information on the last three (3) years. Brasher and Council discussed why the run volume is increasing and revenue is decreasing. Council then requested a quarterly report be submitted by Brasher so council can stay informed on this matter.

Brenda Turner then presented Council with the Jackson County Community Drug Fund – 2015 Grant Allocation recommendations. No action is requested by council. The Indiana Judicial Center and the Jackson County Commissioners have approved the recommendations.

Andrew Nehrt with Pro Form Plastics Inc., presented an application for a continuation of abatement. This is the last year of this abatement. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Schepman seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Judge Poynter came before Council to discuss the Public Defender Office. Judge Poynter stated that the next step that needs to be taken is for the Commissioners to pass an Ordinance to establish the Public Defender Board.

Councilman Leon Pottschmidt then read Resolution 2015 – No. 6. This resolution is for a transfer of \$1,787.00 from Acct # 21140 Drug Screens to #43011 Computer Equipment for the Drug and

Alcohol Fund # 2505. Councilman Murphy made a motion to approve. Councilman Michael Davidson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Pottschmidt then read Resolution 2015 –No.7. This resolution is in regards to the Owen-Salt Creek Fire Protection District purchasing a new fire truck and proposing to issue bonds not to exceed \$400,000. Councilman Murphy 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 Ordinance 2015 – No. 14. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve upon 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Councilman Davidson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Pottschmidt then performed the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 2015 – No. 14. This ordinance is for an additional for the Highway Department. The additional is to move \$8,639.00, which was received from Land of Indiana for damage on County Road 90N in Owen Twp. Councilman Murphy made a motion to approve upon 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Councilman Joe Bowman seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Dr. Bobb, Linn Montgomery and Shara Calhoun, with the Jackson County Health Department, presented information to Council regarding the HIV and HEP C issue in Scott County. They discussed that with the close proximity to our county, that the Jackson County Health Department is taking proactive steps and will be holding free testing on Tuesdays from 3 -6 pm until June 16<sup>th</sup> at The Alley in Seymour.

#### **Old Business**

James Lucas appeared before Council regarding his request for a new Real Estate abatement. Lucas discussed the building plan 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.

After discussion, Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the Real Estate abatement for a 6 year term. Councilman Murphy seconded. Six (6) yes votes, one (1) no, motion carried.

Council then signed Resolution No.4-Council Bill No. 3 which established the six (6) year abatement for Lucas Farms LLC.

#### **End of Old Business**

Commissioner Jerry Hounshel then appeared before Council to discuss the possibility of a new Judicial Center. Commissioner Hounshel asked Council to put a time frame in place if this is a project they are interested in pursuing. After discussion, Commissioner Hounshel was advised that a good time to start repayments on a Judicial Center bond would be once the Jail/Sheriff Department bond pays off. Council asked Attorney Susan Bevers to get a timeline together for the payoff of current debt and when repayment on new Judicial Center debt could begin. Councilman Murphy made a motion to give Commissioner Hounshel the ‘ok’ to continue with the new judicial center project. Councilman Bowman seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

The Council was made aware that a replacement must be found for a council appointee on the BZA board.

The Council then signed a document presented that is to certify that Jackson County does not have a wheel tax.

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

Juvenile Detention Center Director, Steve Redicker then presented the Juvenile Detention Center Report for April 2015. Redicker also stated that the \$13,000 was received from Brownstown Community Schools to support the teacher for JCJDC.

Deputy Auditor, Staci Eglen, then informed Council that a reimbursement of \$26,396.31 has been received for Emergency Management Salary expense. This reimbursement is reflected in Quietus #13703, dated May 18, 2015. The funds were deposited into the county general fund.

Signed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015.

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