

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

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

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.

Discussion was held regarding the June 17<sup>th</sup> minutes. Councilman Brian Thompson requested that the minutes reflect that he made the motion for BZA appointee based on a recommendation from the committee that consisted of Councilwoman Becky Schepman, Councilman Charlie Murphy and himself. Councilman Charlie Murphy made a motion to approve the Minutes of the June 17, 2015 Council Meeting as amended. Councilman Michael Davidson seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from Other Committees:**

Councilman Joe Bowman stated that at the last EMS meeting, the east side station was discussed. It was reported that there is some concern over insurance coverage.

Councilman Bowman also stated that Executive Director Dennis Brasher will ask for a 9% increase in salaries for the 2016 budget. Brasher has compared this counties wages to those around, and Jackson County is below the average.

Councilman Bowman also stated the following in regards to Ambulance Department revenue:

- Possible discount for claims paid in a certain amount of time.
- Hospital is going to assist in double checking to make sure that coding is done correctly.
- Back Medicaid payments (lump sum from 2013 & early 2014) will hopefully be in yet this summer.
- Ambulance has no tax draw this year.

**End of reports from other committees.**

Councilman Pottschmidt then performed the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2015 – No. 19. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve upon 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Councilman Bowman seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Pottschmidt then performed the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2015 – No. 19. Councilman Thompson made the motion to approve. Councilman Bowman seconded. This ordinance is for the following additional appropriations:

County General Fund \$10,000 Other Services and Chgs. 1000-32010-079 –Planning/Zoning legal  
County Highway Fund \$500,000 Supplies 1176-23300-0531 Bituminous Mixed Agg.

After discussion: Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Pottschmidt informed council members that he received a Redevelopment of Seymour, TIF letter.

Highway Superintendent, Warren Martin then presented Council with photos of some current water issues/damages to roads. Martin said he will have more when the current flooding recedes.

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

Sheriff Carothers also presented Council with the January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 – June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Jail Commissary report.

Sheriff Carothers also stated that the Jail/Sheriff Dept was struck by lightning with the recent storm. Sheriff Carothers stated that \$8,500 - \$10,000 worth of damage is estimated, with a \$5,000 deductible.

Juvenile Detention Center Director, Steve Redicker then presented the Juvenile Detention Center Report for June 2015. Redicker again thanked the Sheriff Department for the video arraignment equipment for the Detention Center. Redicker stated that the equipment is working well and is very pleased.

Emergency Management Director, Duane Davis stated that due to a lightning strike with the recent storm, he is estimating \$3,000-\$4,000 damage in radio equipment in the EMS department. Davis stated that he is working with the Highway Department to be able to reach damage amounts that will allow a declaration to be given, allowing the county to recoup some of the losses.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard discussed the lightning strike and certain damages that resulted in the annex and main courthouse.

Councilman Thompson provided a handout to other council members which provided information on possible Medicaid changes in reimbursements amounts for jail inmates.

Schedules were given to Council members for August Budget meetings with departments.

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

Meeting was adjourned until 8:00am, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Budget hearings will follow the regular meeting.

Signed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

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Leon Pottschmidt – President

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Brian Thompson

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Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest

