

MINUTES
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL
August 19, 2015
8:00 AM

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

Members Absent: All Present

Councilman Leon Pottschmidt called the Regular meeting to order at 8:00am. The Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Sheriff Mike Carothers performed the swearing in of the Council.

Councilman Brian Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2015 as amended. Councilwoman Becky Schepman seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Thompson then made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2015 council meeting as presented. Councilman Michael Davidson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from Other Committees: None

Jackson County Clerk Amanda Lowery then asked Council to consider a reclassification of the Voter Registration Clerk position. Lowery was asked to bring this to the 2016 Budget discussion and that for the remainder of 2015, this position classification would remain unchanged.

Jackson County Surveyor, Daniel Blann then provided Council with a project review/financial review of the Drainage Board for the past two and one half years. He provided a brief overview of the information and asked Council to review in further detail.

Terry Davidson, Jenny Harrison and Becky Alexander presented Council with the 2014 Centerstone Annual Report. They discussed services provided and issues treated. They also invited council members to a candlelight service being held on 8/31/15 for those who have died of an overdose. Councilmembers requested that they be given the Medicaid dollar amount reimbursed for 2014, how many individuals received services in the Jackson County Jail in 2014 and to make contact with Sheriff to see what programs can be implemented at the Sheriff's Department for possible counseling of drug abuse.

The Additional Appropriation Ordinance that was scheduled to be read will need to be brought back in September. The Jackson County Banner did not meet the publishing deadline, so this has to be advertised again for the September 2015 meeting.

Jim Plump with JCIDC and Steve Begley with Silgan came before Council with compliance for a tax abatement. It was noted that the compliance was filed in the city of Seymour in proper time, just did not get to the county council. This abatement is in year six (6) of ten (10) and year five (5) was lost due to noncompliance. After discussion, Councilman Charlie Murphy made a motion to approve the request, now in year six (6). Councilman Thompson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Steve Redicker, Jackson County Juvenile Detention Center Director presented the July monthly report. Redicker also stated that he will contact Centerstone to see if there are any programs that he can implement at the Detention Center.

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

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard then asked Council for permission to purchase ten (10) phones out of the 2010 bond – Fund 4911. Hubbard stated the cost of the phones should be approximately \$3,500. Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter stated that the 2010 bond has approximately \$5,700 available. Hubbard stated that the Commissioners have approved the purchase pending council approval. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Schepman seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

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

Signed this 16th day of September, 2015.

Leon Pottschmidt – President

Joe Bowman

Michael Davidson

Brian Thompson

Becky Schepman

Charlie Murphy

Bridey Jacobi

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest