

MINUTES  
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
October 21, 2015  
6:00 PM

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

Members Absent: Councilman Joe Bowman and Councilman Michael Davidson

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 September 16, 2015 and September 30, 2015 Special Meeting minutes, as presented. Councilman Brian Thompson seconded. Five (5) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from Other Committees:**

Attorney Susan Bevers informed Council that progress is still being made in obtaining property for the East side Ambulance station. Appraisals are done but the Survey is not complete.

Councilman Pottschmidt stated that at the Plan Commission meeting held on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Conner Barnett was hired as the new Plan Commissioner to replace Mike Weir upon his retirement.

**End of Reports from Other Committees.**

Assessor, Katie Kaufman, provided a county wide appeals update to the Council. The update compares Assessed Value from 2014 to 2015. The report shows the county wide AV to be up 3.8%. Upon review, Council members asked Kaufman to look into why there was such a large difference in the Utility section. Kaufman agreed and will email them information when she gets it.

Councilman Murphy then read Resolution #16. This resolution is the Strength and Unity Resolution. This is a show of Support for Law Enforcement in Jackson County. The need for this resolution is due to recent deaths of officers around the country. This resolution along with other County's resolutions will be sent to Washington asking for the continuation of some programs that are possibly stopping. Examples would be the Bullet Proof Vest Program and law enforcement receiving used military equipment. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve as read. Councilwoman Becky Schepman seconded. Five (5) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Pottschmidt then preformed the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Additional Appropriation Ordinance #35. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve upon 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Councilman Murphy seconded. Five (5) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Pottschmidt then preformed the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Additional Appropriation Ordinance #35.

Councilwoman Bridey Jacobi made a motion to approve upon 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Councilman Murphy seconded. Ordinance #35 is for the following Additional Appropriations: CHINS-Child in Need Fund- Other Services and Charges- \$26,400  
Cumulative Bridge Fund – Capital Outlays - \$12,640  
After discussion there were five (5) yes votes, motion carried.

**2016 COUNTY AND BINDING BUDGET ADOPTION**

<b>Unit</b>	<b>Ordinance</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Motion to Approve as Presented</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b>Brownstown Central School Corp</b>	<b>Ord 23</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Councilman Thompson 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Murphy</b>	<b>5-0</b>
<b>Driftwood Twp Fire District</b>	<b>Ord 24</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Councilwoman Schepman 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Thompson</b>	<b>5-0</b>
<b>Grassy Fork Fire Protection District</b>	<b>Ord 25</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Councilman Thompson 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilwoman Schepman</b>	<b>5-0</b>
<b>Redding Twp Fire District</b>	<b>Ord 26</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Councilwoman Jacobi 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Murphy</b>	<b>5-0</b>
<b>Own/Salt Creek Fire Protection District</b>	<b>Ord 27</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Councilwoman Schepman 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Thompson</b>	<b>5-0</b>
<b>Hamilton Twp Fire Protection District</b>	<b>Ord 28</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Councilman Thompson 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Murphy</b>	<b>5-0</b>
<b>Jackson/Washington Fire Protection District</b>	<b>Ord 29</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Councilwoman Schepman 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilwoman Jacobi</b>	<b>5-0</b>
<b>Solid Waste Management District</b>	<b>Ord 30</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Councilman Thompson 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilwoman Jacobi</b>	<b>5-0</b>
<b>Brownstown Fire Protection District</b>	<b>Ord 31</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Councilman Murphy 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilwoman Schepman</b>	<b>5-0</b>
<b>Pershing Twp Fire District</b>	<b>Ord 32</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Councilman Thompson 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Murphy</b>	<b>5-0</b>
<b>Jackson County (as presented)</b>	<b>Ord 33</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Councilwoman Schepman 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilman Murphy</b>	<b>5-0</b>

**\*\* Jackson County is marked \*as presented\* for the following reason: At the September 30<sup>th</sup> 2015 Special Meeting, Council recommended bring budgets for approval with no changes. However, upon review while entering into Gateway it was discovered that two items that were moved to CIB must be moved back to Cum Cap Fund. This move is still below what was advertised for the Cum Cap Fund.\*\***

Councilman Pottschmidt then read Resolution #17. Councilman Murphy made a motion to approve. Councilman Thompson seconded. This is an appeal to the State of Indiana –Appeal for Shortfall. Five (5) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Pottschmidt then preformed the 1<sup>st</sup> reading by Title Only of Ordinance #36, Council Bill #22. This ordinance is in preparation of the 2016 General Obligation Bond. The 2016 GOB will not exceed \$1,995,000. After discussion, Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Schepman seconded. Five (5) yes votes, motion carried. The second reading will be held at the next Council meeting.

Councilman Pottschmidt then read Resolution #15, Council Bill #25. This is a transfer resolution for the following: Jail

1000-36400-380 Jail Meals to 1000-11900-380 Jail Part Time \$27,000.00  
1000-36400-380 Jail Meals to 1000-12000-380 Jail Overtime \$10,800.00

After discussion, Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Jacobi seconded. Five (5) yes votes, motion carried.

Juvenile Detention Center Director, Steve Redicker then presented the Council with the Detention Centers September 2015 monthly report. Redicker and Auditor Hohenstreiter then discussed with Council the fact that the Detention Centers 2015 Budget will be short. The Juvenile Detention Center is paid from special Cagit Distribution for Jail/Juv Det Ctr., so knowing exactly what revenue will be received and based on expenditure monthly average the budget will not be able to be met. Auditor Hohenstreiter suggested that \$9,000 or approximately 3 pays of PERF be taken from the General Fund to help with the center's shortage. The question then was brought up: 'Why is the Detention Center reimbursing the General Fund for meals monthly?' After discussion, the Council, Redicker and Hohenstreiter concluded that this is something that was started years ago. However, there is no need to continue this process. Councilman Murphy made a motion that starting immediately there is no need for a claim to be paid out of CAGIT to reimburse the General Fund for meal expense. Councilman Thompson seconded. Five (5) yes votes, motion carried. With the adjustments to PERF and the meal expense, the Detention Center should be close to meeting the 2015 budget.

Jerry Ault with the Jackson County Highway presented a handout on the 2015 Paving Program. Ault stated that 27.6 miles were paved in 2015 at a cost of \$1,617,170.49. Ault also stated that 56.84 miles of road were chip and sealed in 2015 at a cost of \$63,217.47.

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

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard came before Council to request an Additional Appropriation of \$300,000 for Health Insurance Expense. Hubbard reported on large bills that have been coming in, the INSPIRE program, and that Schneck Medical has agreed to deduct 10% for bills of County employees for next year. Council advised that the \$300,000 additional will need to be advertised out of Rainy Day.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter then asked for guidance on the additional that must be advertised for the purchase of the Dr. McGill property. Council advised Hohenstreiter to advertise for \$150,000, \$136,250 for the purchase and the remaining \$13,750 for unexpected expenses that may come with the purchase.

Auditor Hohenstreiter then asked for guidance for cost incurred from Reedy Financial and Barnes & Thornburg. After discussion, Council advised to advertise for an additional of \$10,000 out of the General Fund.

Attorney Bevers then gave an update of the Pauper Council Office. The Commissioners have decided to place this office in the Dr. McGill building. This office will bring in a 40% reimbursement from expenses. The Public Defender Board has done interviews for the Chief Public Defender. A decision should be made by the end of October, with hopes of starting mid-December. The office will have four (4) attorneys, two (2) staff and one (1) part time investigator.

Councilwoman Jacobi made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Murphy seconded. Five (5) yes votes, motion carried.

Signed this 21st day of October, 2015.

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Leon Pottschmidt – President

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Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest