

MINUTES
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL
February 17, 2016
6:00 PM

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

Members Absent: All Present

Councilman Charlie Murphy 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 Brian Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2016 meeting, as presented. Councilman Leon Pottschmidt seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from Other Committees:

Councilman Joe Bowman reported for the Ambulance Board that there has been some movement in regards to acquiring the prior State Police post property in Seymour. However, the plan is now for Schneck Memorial Hospital to purchase the property at appraised value less 10%. Purchase price will be reduced by estimated clean up cost of environmental hazards. Schneck will then lease the garage to the ambulance dept, a similar agreement the county has with them with the current station. The appraised value of the entire property is \$325,000. There is some EPA cleanup that needs to be done in regards to old fuel tanks. Also, Councilman Bowman stated that the Ambulance board approved purchasing a new ambulance in 2016 for the amount of \$128,413.00. The ambulance will be purchased from the new General Obligation Bond.

End of Reports from Other Committees.

Council President Charlie Murphy then called for the 2016 General Obligation Bond Public Hearing to be opened.

With no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed.

Councilman Murphy then performed the 1st reading of Ordinance 2016-3. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Councilwoman Becky Schepman seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Murphy then performed the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2016-3. Councilman Bowman made a motion to approve upon 2nd reading. This is the Ordinance for the 2016 General Obligation Bond at \$1,760,000.00. Councilman Davidson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter presented a Conflict of Interest Form provided from the Jackson County Public Library in regards to board member, Susan Haskett. The form discloses that she works for Jackson County Bank where the Library also does business.

Councilman Pottschmidt made a motion to approve the signing of the Conflict of Interest Form. Councilwoman Schepman seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Thompson then informed council that the Indiana State Board of Appeals will be 'mobile' and in Brownstown on February 19, 2016 at 1pm.

Councilman Thompson then questioned the carryover in the reassessment fund from 2015 to 2016. Auditor Hohenstreiter informed council that this was for an invoice received in December after claims were due.

Auditor Hohenstreiter then provided additional appropriations for council review. These additional will be submitted for advertisement for approval at the March Council meeting. Council was asked to review and to contact Hohenstreiter for any additional appropriations that may have been overlooked.

Councilman Michael Davidson stated that the Juvenile Home has an AC unit that is going bad. It was stated that the 2013 bond has approximately \$19,000 left. Councilman Davidson will inform Dan Banks to provide 2 quotes for a new unit.

Councilman Thompson then provided information regarding House Bill 1001, House Bill 1110, Senate Bill 87 & Senate Bill 308.

Auditor Hohenstreiter provided Council members with a copy of the 2015 annual report for review. This report was submitted in Gateway today.

Councilman Bowman stated that the Committee that was to review Council contracts came up with 3 recommendations for the Financial Consultants Contract:

1. That a contract is signed and renewed on a yearly basis.
2. That the statements provide detailed hourly billing.
3. That there is a cap on services of \$45,000 per year. Anything over this must come before Council for additional approval.

County Attorney Bevers was advised to provide a draft contract for review at the next meeting.

Commissioner Matt Reedy then came before Council. Commissioner Reedy addressed the issue of Courthouse Expansion. He noted the current low bond rates and the timeline that would have to be in place before payments would be started on repayment of the bond. He asked Council for a decision, stating that this is approximately a \$10 million project.

Sheriff Mike Carothers then presented the January 2016 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report and Dog Detention Report.

Councilman Davidson then asked to discuss the contract that Attorney Bevers has with Council. It has been determined that when Attorney Bevers hired on, that for a partial year she had to have a separate contract with Council due to Commissioners having a different attorney. Since the Commissioners and Council both now have Attorney Bevers as legal

council, she only needs to have a contract with Commissioners since they hire her as County Attorney.

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

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2016.

Signed this 16th day of March, 2016.

Leon Pottschmidt – President

Joe Bowman

Michael Davidson

Brian Thompson

Becky Schepman

Charlie Murphy

Bridey Jacobi

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest