

MINUTES
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL
September 21, 2016
8:00 AM

Members Present: Councilman Leon Pottschmidt, Councilman Brian Thompson, Councilman Michael Davidson, Councilman Charlie Murphy, and Councilwoman Becky Schepman, Councilwoman Bridey Jacobi (arrived late)
Members Absent: Councilman Joe Bowman

Councilman Charlie Murphy 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 Regular meeting minutes of the August 17, 2016 and Special meeting minutes of September 12, 2016, as presented. Councilwoman Becky Schepman seconded. Five (5) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from Other Committees:

Councilman Thompson stated that the Judicial Center Committee met on Monday for a session discussing the layout options for the new center. Thompson stated that his is impressed with the process so far. The next step is for RQAW is to come back with drawings.

End of Reports from Other Committees.

New Business

-Public Hearings for Binding Units Budgets & County Budget

The following 1st readings were performed by Councilman Murphy by Title Only.

Ord #19 Brownstown Central Community School Corp

Public Hearing Open, No discussion. Councilwoman Schepman made a motion to close public hearing. Councilman Thompson seconded. Five (5) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Councilman Pottschmidt seconded. Five (5) yes votes, motion carried.

Ord #20 Jackson County

Public Hearing Open, No discussion. Councilman Thompson made a motion to close public hearing. Councilman Pottschmidt seconded. Five (5) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Councilman Pottschmidt seconded. Five (5) yes votes, motion carried.

Ord #21 Jackson County Solid Waste

Public Hearing Open, No discussion. Councilman Pottschmidt made a motion to close public hearing. Councilman Michael Davidson seconded. Five (5) yes votes, motion carried. Councilwoman Schepman made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Councilman Thompson seconded. Five (5) yes votes, motion carried

Councilwoman Bridey Jacobi arrived at meeting.

Ord #22 Pershing Township Fire District

Public Hearing Open, Trustee provided budget amounts. Councilman Thompson made a motion to close public hearing. Councilwoman Schepman seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Pottschmidt made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Councilman Davidson seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried

Ord #23 Driftwood Township Fire Protection District

Public Hearing Open, no discussion. Councilman Thompson made a motion to close public hearing. Councilwoman Schepman seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Pottschmidt made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Councilman Davidson seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried

Ord #24 Brownstown Township Fire Protection District

Public Hearing Open, no discussion. Councilman Thompson made a motion to close public hearing. Councilwoman Jacobi seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Pottschmidt made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Councilman Davidson seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried

Ord #25 Grassy Fork Township Fire Protection District

Public Hearing Open, no discussion. Councilman Thompson made a motion to close public hearing. Councilwoman Schepman seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Pottschmidt made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Councilman Davidson seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried

Ord #26 Redding Township Fire Protection District

Public Hearing Open, no discussion. Councilman Thompson made a motion to close public hearing. Councilwoman Schepman seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Pottschmidt made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Councilman Davidson seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried

Ord #27 Owen/Salt Creek Township Fire Protection District

Public Hearing Open, no discussion. Councilman Thompson made a motion to close public hearing. Councilwoman Schepman seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Pottschmidt made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Councilman Davidson seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried

Ord #28 Hamilton Township Fire Protection District

Public Hearing Open, no discussion. Councilman Thompson made a motion to close public hearing. Councilwoman Schepman seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Pottschmidt made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Councilman Davidson seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried

Ord #29 Jackson/Washington Township Fire Protection District

Public Hearing Open, no discussion. Councilman Thompson made a motion to close public hearing. Councilwoman Schepman seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Pottschmidt made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Councilman Davidson seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried

Ord #30 Vernon Township Fire Protection District

Public Hearing Open, no discussion. Councilman Thompson made a motion to close public hearing. Councilwoman Schepman seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Pottschmidt made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Councilman Davidson seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried

Public Hearing for Additional Appropriation Ordinance for 2016 Series B Proceeds

Councilman Murphy then opened the Public Hearing for Additional Appropriation Ordinance for 2016 Series B Proceeds. It was discussed that the closing on this Bond took place last week at a rate of 1.46, bought by Old National. This Bond is for the new HVAC at the Jail/Juvenile Detention Center. Councilman Thompson then made a motion to approve Additional Appropriation Ordinance #31 upon 1st reading and to close the public hearing. Councilman Pottschmidt seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Murphy then performed the 2nd reading of LOIT Ordinance #17, Council Bill #12 (Property Tax Relief). Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve upon 2nd reading. Councilman Pottschmidt seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Murphy then performed the 1st reading of Additional Appropriation Ordinance #2016 – 18. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Councilman Davidson seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Murphy then performed the 2nd reading. This Ordinance is for the following additional:

Surveyor Cornerstone Fund	Capital Outlays	\$2,500
County Sales Disclosure Fund	Supplies	\$5,000
Rainy Day Fund	Capital Outlays	\$95,345

After discussion, Councilman Pottschmidt made a motion to approve. Councilman Davidson seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Council then discussed the need to replace their appointment to the Visitor Center Board. Their appointment, Kendra Zumhingst, started a new job and is now unable to fulfill her duties on this board. Councilman Pottschmidt made a motion to appoint Becky Schepman to this board, to complete the current term. Councilman Thompson seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

The 2017 Council meeting schedule was then presented. Councilman Davidson made a motion to approve as presented. Councilwoman Jacobi seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Alan Marshal then appeared before Council to ask for an additional \$10,000 from the Supplemental Public Defender Fund to pay outside council. This is a result of contract attorney's that were in place before the Public Defenders office took effect. After discussion, Council gave their intent to approve for \$10,000. The auditor was advised to advertise for an additional appropriation of \$10,000.

Councilman Murphy then performed the 2nd reading of Additional Appropriation Ordinance #31, 2016 Series B Bond for \$900,000. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve upon 2nd reading. Councilwoman Jacobi seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Mitch Patrick then approached Council in regards to more restoration work that needs to be completed at the Courthouse. Ken Neely with Building Restoration LLC, who just completed the masonry work to the base of the courthouse has provided quotes totaling approx. \$63,000. This is for work on the Courthouse tower and parapets. After discussion, Councilman Thompson made a motion to pay up to \$44,000 out of Fund 1138 Cum Cap toward this repair. \$19,000 was left in the Bond fund, from the original base work that was completed. Councilman Pottschmidt seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried. Patrick was also advised to obtain a Certificate of Insurance from Ken Neely.

Old Business

The Reedy Contract was listed under old business, but all work has been completed on this issue.

End of Old Business

Highway Supervisor, Jerry Ault, then appeared before Council with the following:

1. The county auction will be held October 1, 2016 @ 9:30 am
2. CCMG Program – the agreement was signed yesterday and returned.
3. Bid packets for the 2017 paving program have been sent out and are due by October 3, 2016 at 4pm. Bids received will be opened at the October 4, 2016 commissioner meeting.
4. Informed Council that he would like to see step increases for employees who reach 30 years and 35 years of employment. Currently there is nothing after 25 years.
5. Purchased a 2015 Ford 4x4 1 Ton truck for the bridge crew.
6. Purchased a 2009 Volvo Backhoe to replace the 1993 CAT backhoe.

Juvenile Detention Center Director, Steve Redicker handed Council the August 2016 monthly report.

Sheriff Mike Carothers then presented the Police Benefit Plan. This is regarding the increase in life insurance on Merit Officers, which was previously approved. Councilwoman Schepman made a motion to approve, after Attorney Susan Bevers reviewed the plan. Councilwoman Jacobi seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 6:00 PM.

Signed this 19th day of October, 2016.

Charlie Murphy – President

Joe Bowman

Michael Davidson

Becky Schepman

Bridey Jacobi

Brian Thompson

Leon Pottschmidt

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest