

MINUTES
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL
September 15, 2010

Council President Fountain called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. Sheriff Marc Lahrman did the swearing in of the Council. Councilman Thompson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilwoman Hackman led us in the Lords Prayer.

Members Present: Councilman Fountain, Councilman Thompson,
 Councilman Brewer, Councilwoman Hackman,
 Councilman Reedy, Councilman Prange

Others Present: Sheriff Marc Lahrman, Attorney Susan Bevers,
 Auditor Debra Eggeman

Council President Fountain opened the floor for the 2011 Budget Hearings. There were no comments from the public and the hearing was closed.

Council President Fountain opened the floor for the 2011 Council Binding Recommendation for Jackson County Units. There were no comments from the public and the hearing was closed

Councilwoman Hackman made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2010 Council meeting as presented. Councilman Thompson seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilwoman Hackman reported that the Emergency Management Board met recently and Jackson County has received the necessary points allowing the reimbursement of 50% for salaries. A bonus of \$3,750.00 will also be given.

Council President Andy Fountain made the first reading of the Additional Appropriation Requests. Councilman Prange made a motion to approve upon first reading. Councilman Reedy seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Dr. Kenneth Bobb appeared before Council requesting the following additional monies from the Bio-Terrorism Fund. 1) \$3,453.88 for Office Supplies. 2) \$500.00 for Travel. 3) 5,000.00 for the Health Coordinator Salary. Councilman Reedy made a motion to approve the requests. Councilwoman Hackman seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin appeared before Council requesting additional monies from the Capital Improvement Bond as follows:

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| 1) Structure #65 | \$1,000.00 |
| 2) Structure #66 | \$1,500.00 |
| 3) Structure #70 | \$5,400.00 |
| 4) Structure #56 | \$1,600.00 |
| 5) Structure #57 | \$4,600.00 |
| 6) Structure #58 | \$2,200.00 |
| 7) Structure #59 | \$1,050.00 |
| 8) Structure #60 | \$6,700.00 |
| 9) Structure #55 | \$2,800.00 |

Councilman Reedy made a motion to approve all requests. Councilman Thompson seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Superior Court I Judge Bruce Markel appeared before Council requesting additional monies from the County General Fund in the amount of \$3,000.00 for contracts for lawn maintenance. Judge Markel explained that the costs were underestimated when presented for the 2010 budget. Councilman Reedy made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Thompson seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin requested additional monies from the Motor Vehicle Highway fund as follows: \$52,600.00 for Bituminous Mixed Aggregate and \$509,091.10 for Bituminous by Bid. Councilwoman Hackman made a motion to approve both requests. Councilman Brewer seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Prosecutor Rick Poynter appeared before Council requesting the following additional monies from the Prosecutors Diversion Fund: 1) \$11,543.80 for the Seymour Paralegal. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Hackman seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried. 2) 1,200.00 for Internet Services. Councilman Reedy made a motion to approve the request. Councilwoman Hackman seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried. \$5,000.00 for Retirement. Councilman Reedy made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Thompson seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Prange made a motion to waive the third reading of the Additional Appropriation requests and approve as on the second reading. Councilman Reedy seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Executive Director of Child Care Network, Janice Read appeared before Council along with several others to discuss establishing a CASA program in Jackson County. The Advocates for Children located in Columbus Indiana has been overseeing the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program for several years and serves Bartholomew, Decatur, Jackson and Jennings counties. Superior Court II Judge Bruce Markel stated that he feels that Jackson County does not get fair treatment at times and is also concerned about the issue of there being no transparency on the salaries paid to their support staff. Judge Markel feels that Jackson County would be better served with its own CASA program set up and operated by Child Care Network, Inc. which is located in Seymour. Janice Read has spoken with her board about and they have instructed her to proceed. A draft of possible funding needs was presented for Council to review. Councilman Reedy, who is also a member of the board for Child Care Network, stated that he is very much in favor of establishing a CASA program in Jackson County. Councilman Prange agreed and stated that he is very much aware of the importance of the CASA program. After much discussion on the issue of finding a person qualified to be the Program Coordinator and the issue of funding for this position, Councilman Prange made a motion to advertise for an additional appropriation from the County General Fund in the amount of \$15,000.00 to get started towards getting a coordinator certified by January 1, 2011. Councilman Reedy seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

John Baker, a resident of Redding Township appeared before Commissioners on the issue of the inequity in how the former inventory tax is made up and credited. Mr. Baker stated that residents began coming before Council in 2008 and requested that the board do what is right and fair. Councilman Thompson stated that he has spoken with State Representative Terry Gooden on the issue and it is Council's intent to move the CEDIT line to include Seymour/Redding Township. The issue will be discussed at the April Council meeting.

The regular meeting of the County Council was adjourned. Councilman Prange left for a prior engagement.

Council President Fountain called to order the 2011 Budget Hearing meeting.

Department Heads appeared at their scheduled times to present the budgets estimates for 2011.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to accept all Unit Budgets as presented stating that there were no problems. Councilman Reedy seconded. Five (5) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Reedy made a motion to recess until September 29, 2011 at 8:00 AM. Councilman Brewer seconded. Five (5) yes votes, motion carried.

Andy Fountain – President

Debra Eggeman - attest