

MINUTES
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL

October 20, 2010

Council President Fountain called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Sheriff Marc Lahrman did the swearing in of the Council. Councilman Prange led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Reedy led us in the Lords Prayer.

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

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

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 29, 2010 as corrected. Councilwoman Hackman seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilwoman Hackman reported that Ivy Tech will do job profiles for the five offices in the courthouse at no charge. Additional profiles will cost \$3,900.00 per group. Councilwoman Hackman made a motion to move forward with the profiling. Councilman Murphy seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Thompson stated that he will present the Cost of Community Service Study at the next scheduled Council meeting.

Councilman Fountain opened the floor for comments in regards to the Pershing Township Fire Department. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

Councilman Fountain made the first reading of the additional appropriation requests. Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve upon first reading. Councilwoman Hackman seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin submitted two additional appropriation requests from the Capital Improvement Fund as follows: \$1,500.00 for Structure #91 and \$1,500 for Structure #92. Councilman Reedy made a motion to approve both requests. Councilman Prange seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

County Commissioners presented an additional appropriation request from the CEDIT Fund in the amount of \$5000.00 for payment of a grant application for the Jackson County Juvenile Home. Councilman Prange made a motion to table the request until more information can be provided. Councilman Murphy seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin submitted an additional appropriation request in the amount of \$372,591.00 from the Cumulative Capital Fund for the purchase of equipment for use at the highway. Councilwoman Hackman made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Reedy seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin submitted an additional appropriation request in the amount of \$30,600.00 for Engineering Services from the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund. Councilwoman Hackman made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Thompson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor Debra Eggeman submitted an additional appropriation request in the amount of \$15,000.00 from the County General Fund to pay for start up costs for a CASA Program in Jackson County. Councilman Reedy made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Prange seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

County Prosecutor Rick Poynter submitted an additional appropriation request from the Prosecutors Diversion Fund in the amount of \$16,600.00 for law enforcement equipment for the Indiana State Police. After much discussion Councilman Prange made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Brewer seconded. Seven (7) 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. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Fountain made the first reading of the Emergency Transfer Requests. Councilman Prange made a motion to approve upon first reading. Councilman Thompson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Supervisor Warren Martin submitted an Emergency Transfer Request within the Cumulative Bridge Fund. \$30,000.00 from 25-115-504 (Misc. Small Structures) to 25-115-399 (Medora Covered Bridge Engineering). Councilwoman Hackman made a motion to approve. Councilman Reedy seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Probation Officer Norm Phillips submitted an Emergency Transfer Request within the General Fund. \$102.00 from 1-39-311 (Dues/Subscriptions) to 1-39-211 (Office Supplies). Councilman Reedy made a motion to approve. Councilman Brewer seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilwoman Hackman made a motion to waive the third reading of the Emergency Transfer Requests and approve as on the second reading. Councilman Prange seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Fountain reported that Commissioners would like to hold a joint special meeting with Council in regards to the space study done by Ratio Architects. The date and time will be set at a later date.

Council accepted and signed budgets for Pershing Fire District, Owen/Salt Creek Fire District, Redding Fire District, Brownstown Fire District, Jackson/Washington Fire District, Driftwood Twp Fire District, Grassy Fork Fire District, and Hamilton Fire District. Councilman Thompson recommended that a letter be composed and sent to the Department of Local Government Finance showing Council's support of the Fire District budgets. Financial Advisor Eric Reedy will compose the letter.

Council President Fountain read aloud the rates and assessed value of each of the remaining unit budgets. Councilman Thompson made a motion to accept. Councilman Reedy seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

County Clerk Sarah Benter appeared before Council informing them that she has received quotes for the new voting machines. Sarah stated that ES & S was the low quote at \$358,740.00 and she will be requesting additional funding at the next scheduled Council meeting. Commissioners have approved the purchase contingent upon Council approval.

Council President Fountain announced the final adoption of the 2011 Jackson County budget. Total for the County General Fund is \$10,658,795.04. Councilman Reedy made a motion to approve the 2011 General Fund budget. Total budget is \$19,719,246.07. Councilman Prange made a motion to approve all other funds Councilman Reedy seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried. The total 2011 budget for all funds is \$19,719,246.07.

Council President Fountain presented for signature a resolution for an appeal to the Department of Local Government Finance for relief from the limitations due to assessed valuation growth resulting in a quotient of greater than 1.02 as described in IC 6-1.1-18.5-13.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard gave a brief update on the changes in insurance rates.

The meeting adjourned until November 16, 2010 at 6:00 PM.

Andy Fountain – President

Debra Eggeman - attest