

MINUTES
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL

February 16, 2011

Councilman Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lords Prayer. Sheriff Mike Carothers did the swearing in of the Council.

Members Present: Councilman Murphy, Councilman Thompson, Councilman Brewer
Councilman Pottschmidt, Councilman Carmichael, Councilman
Prange, Councilman Wheeler

Others Present: Sheriff Mike Carothers, Attorney Susan Bevers, Auditor Debra Eggeman

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2011 minutes as presented. Councilman Prange seconded. Three (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Thompson reported that he recently attended a Canine Control meeting. There has been some issues with the temporary hold and adoption areas. There is a meeting scheduled for February 17, 2011 and he will have more information at the next Council meeting.

Courthouse Custodian Jana Wessel appeared before Council informing them that she will be requesting additional monies from the Cumulative Capital Fund to pay for the painting of windows in the courthouse. Jana has requested quotes for the project and recommended going with Smitty's Painting for \$26,500.00. This will be for the painting of all 102 windows at the courthouse. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Wheeler seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Brenda Turner with the Drug Free Council appeared before Council giving a brief update on the 2010 allocations and activities.

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

Deputy Prosecutor Amy Lucas appeared before Council requesting additional funding from the Prosecutors Diversion Fund as follows: (\$3,500.00) to pay for the purchase of a K-9 for the Indiana State Police. (\$5,147.10) to pay for Tasers, for the Crothersville Police Department. Councilman Prange questioned whether the K-9 would be used to locate drugs in schools. Amy responded that yes they will be used in schools and other areas in the county. Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve both requests. Councilman Prange seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

County Highway Supervisor Warren Martin appeared before Council requesting additional funding from the Cumulative Bridge Fund in the amount of \$150,000.00 for work on Bridge #195. Councilman Prange made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Brewer seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Mike Carothers submitted requested the transfer of monies within the County General Fund from the Sheriff's budget to the Jail budget in the amount of \$4,941.00. Sheriff Carothers explained

that this is the savings created in the Jail Commander position by hiring a non-merit person. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Wheeler seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Duane Davis appeared before Council requesting permission to purchase a new recording system for the meeting room. The one presently used is outdated and unreliable. Commissioners have approved the purchase contingent upon Council approval. Duane has sent out requests for quotations with only one vendor submitting a quote. Deputy Electronics will provide and install the system for \$7,021.79. After much discussion Councilman Brewer made a motion of intent. Councilman Prange seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

County Clerk Amanda Lowery appeared before Council informing them that she would like to transfer monies from the vacant First Deputy Superior Court II salary to Part Time. Amanda stated that she does not feel the workload at the Superior Court I office constitutes a full time employee. Amanda intends to hire a part time employee to work two days a week.

County Clerk Amanda Lowery stated that she would like to start charging 10 cents for copies made for the public. Attorney Susan Bevers is working on this with her.

Sheriff Mike Carothers submitted the year end report for 2010 and the January 2011 report. Sheriff Carothers also gave an update on activities at the jail. Councilman Murphy expressed his concern that there is not sufficient court security in place. Sheriff Carothers stated that he agrees and would like to look into this when time and funding allows.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard gave an update on the funds received from the insurance company for the repairs to the Superior Court I building.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard stated that he has received an email from Ivy Tech in regards to the salary study request. They would like to meet in March to discuss this.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard spoke in regards to the Early Retirement Plan which the county has signed up for. The county will be receiving funds back amounting to around \$25,000.00.

Councilman Prange made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Carmichael seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Charlie Murphy – President

Brian Wheeler

Brian Thompson

Leon Pottschmidt

J.L. Brewer

Greg Prange

Dennis Carmichael

Debra Eggeman - attest

