MINUTES  
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL  
May 16, 2018  
6:00 PM

Members Absent: Councilwoman Bridey Jacobi

The Lord’s Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.  
Councilman Brian Thompson called the Regular meeting to order at 6:00PM.  
Sheriff Carothers performed the swearing in of the Council.

Councilman Dave Hall made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2018 regular meeting. Councilman John Nolting seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from Other Committees: None

New Business

Jim Plump, on behalf of JCIDC and Jackson Connect, discussed a New Abatement for Jackson Connect. The proposed abatement is for Phase II of the Internet Service being established by Jackson Connect. Phase II affects 7 townships and should begin June 1, 2018, with completion in 10 months. The Phase II abatement being applied for is a 10 year abatement in the amount of $9,715,835.00. Mark McKinney, with Jackson County REMC informed Council that Phase I is ahead of schedule and that Jackson Connect currently has 10 employees of which 2 are installers. Councilman Thompson then read Resolution #4, Council Bill #4 2018. Councilman Hall made a motion to approve the abatement. Councilman Nolting seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Dave Ellis and Vicki Fleetwood on behalf of Pershing Township Fire Department, came before Council for approval of an Additional Appropriation. It was explained that this is not for additional funds, but instead the movement of funds as there had been an error in the budget. This additional is simply putting the money in the correct place. Councilman Nolting made a motion to approve. Councilman Michael Davidson seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Jackson County Prosecutor, Amy Marie Travis, requested the use of $1,500 from the Forfeiture Fund (Fund 4920) to assist Seymour Police Department in the purchase of a 2nd K-9. The entire cost (i.e. the cost of the dog –training –vehicle conversions) to add a K-9 to the force is between $15,000 and $20,000. Seymour Police Department has had support in all but $1,500. This K-9 will be trained on drugs, tracking and attack. The K-9 can also assist other departments when needed. Councilman Hall made a motion to approve. Councilman Davidson seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.
Alan Marshall, Jackson Co Public Defender, then asked for Council consideration of a $20,000 Additional Appropriation request from the Supplemental Public Defender Fund. Currently the offices is closing out, on average, 50 cases per month. After discussion, Councilman Hall made a motion to approve. Councilman Nolting seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Plan Commissioner, Conner Barnette, then discussed with Council the option for County Code Enforcer. The Council did approve in the 2018 budget, the addition of a Code Enforcer. Barnette stated that he has taken Electrical, Plumbing and Concrete classes as well as shadowed the City of Seymour Code Enforcer. Barnette would like to take on the additional responsibility instead of hiring an extra person. With the extra responsibility, Barnette proposed adding $15,000 to his salary per year. The job description of Plan Commissioner would be amended to include a clause that if the job of Code Enforcer became too much, that it could be separated out. Commissioner Bob Gillaspy also spoke to Council, stating that Commissioners have supported this change and stated the importance of this position to Jackson County. Councilman Hall made a motion to approve adding the $15,000 to Barnette salary beginning June 1, 2018 and to change the salary ordinance to reflect the change. Councilman Leon Pottschmidt seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Thompson then performed the 1st reading of Salary Ordinance 2018E by title only. Councilman Hall made a motion to approve. Councilman Pottschmidt seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Thompson then performed the 2nd reading of Salary Ordinance 2018E by title only. Councilman Pottschmidt made a motion to approve and waive 3rd reading. Councilman Hall seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Gillaspy and Commissioner Drew Markel then addressed Council in regards to the purchase of the Middendorf property. A purchase agreement has been signed for $104,000 plus $36,000 moving expense. Commissioners asked for approval to pay for this purchase. Councilman Pottschmidt made a motion to approve the purchase for $140,000 out of the Rainy Day Fund. Councilwoman Ann Cain seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioners Gillaspy and Markel then asked Council to consider placing a fine amount on the roads that have recently been restricted on Ordinance #5 Commissioner Bill #4 and Ordinance #8 Commissioner Bill #7. These ordinance involve the restriction of Commercial Vehicles. Councilman Hall made a motion to approve $1,000 fines on roads listed on Ordinance #5 Commissioner Bill #4, along with a $500 fine for roads listed on Ordinance #8 Commissioner Bill #7. Councilman Nolting seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

**Old Business**
Margo Brewer with the Jackson County History Center discussed with Council the addition of $15,000 in the County Budget for 2019 for the Jackson County History Center. Arann Banks with the Jackson County Visitor Center was also present to discuss options that could be available through grants. After discussion, it was determined to have Banks, Brewer and
Leon Pottschmidt from the Council have a meeting and see what other avenues could be explored to find other funds for the Jackson County History Center.

End of Old Business

Council then discussed a letter received from Jennings County Jail. Legislation has recently changed that when a county is wanting to start the process of building a new jail, they must send letters to surrounding counties asking if the counties want to build a multi county jail. Commissioner Markel stated that the Commissioners voted to answer the letter No yesterday and to send on to Council. Councilman Hall made a motion to also vote No for the response to the letter. Councilman Noltin seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Sheriff Carothers presented the April 2018 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report and Dog Detention Report. The Sheriff also gave an update on the Juvenile Detention Center side remodel. Councilman Thompson asked if there had been any activity with Centerstone. Sheriff stated that he has another meeting on Wednesday May 23rd with them.

Highway Supervisor, Jerry Ault then discussed the following with Council:
1. Contract pave has already completed 9.01 miles of resurfacing.
2. $112,000 will need to be transferred from County Pave money to Contract Pave to complete payment.
3. Only 2 culverts remain to be replaced of the 115 that needed replaced for 2018 paving.
4. Crack/seal has begun.
5. Update of Bridge #183.
6. 3 Aluminum arches are in need of replacement. One on 450N and one on 450 W in Brownstown Township and one on 200N in Owen Township.
7. Plans are in place to apply for the Community Crossings Grant this year. It will be a 75/25 match. If the county gets approved for $1,000,000, the match would be $333,333.33.
8. Paser Ratings still must be completed for Carr, Owen, Salt Creek and Pershing Townships.
9. The 2009 Volvo Backhoe burnt on May 4 and is considered a total loss.
10. The Vallonia retention pond is still on the agenda and will begin work once some other projects are completed.

Councilman Hall made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Pottschmidt seconded.
The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

Signed this 20th day of June, 2018.

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Brian Thompson                                Ann Cain

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Michael Davidson                              David Hall