Minutes
Jackson County Council
April 17, 2019
6:00 PM

Members Present: Councilman Brian Thompson, Councilwoman Kari Storey, Councilman Mark Hackman, Councilman Dave Hall, Councilman John Nolting, Councilwoman Ann Cain
Members Absent: Councilman Michael Davidson

The Lord’s Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were recited.
Councilman Dave Hall called the Regular meeting to order at 6:00PM.
Sheriff Rick Meyer performed the swearing in of the Council.
Councilman John Nolting made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2019 regular meeting. Councilman Mark Hackman seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from Other Committees:
Councilman Hackman stated that he attended a Community Corrections Board Meeting on March 26 in which JL Brewer reported the budget to be on target, with the exception of insurance being up some. Councilman Hackman also informed Council that Brewer had a grant form ready to submit.
Councilwoman Ann Cain stated she attended a Child Care Network meeting at which they were informed that Kalisa Rice was leaving a new financial manager had been hired.
End of Reports from Other Committees.

Jim Plump then came before Commissioners with new abatement requests. The abatement requests were as follows:
- Sims Bark – 1 Personal Property abatement in the amount of $4,904,000 & 1 Real Property abatement in the amount of $3,250,000.
These requests are for a mulch company that will be built in Vernon Twp. Andy Johnson with Sims Bark was present to present information. The company plans to place 4 bark bagging lines in, with a cost of approximately $4,000,000. The business plans to have 20 employees. The estimated start date for the construction is April 22, 2019, with completion in March 2020. After discussion, Councilman Hall read Resolution #10, Council Bill #11 for Real Property and Resolution #11, Council Bill #12 for Personal Property. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve 10 year abatements for both Real and Personal for Sims Bark. Councilwoman Kari Storey seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

- Tampico Grain – 1 Real Property abatement in the amount of $1,500,000
This request is for the construction of two additional grain bins which combined will hold 1,000,000 bushel. This will add one new employee at Tampico Grain and construction is planned to be complete by the end of 2019. After discussion, Councilman Hall read Resolution #12, Council Bill #13, Real Property Abatement Resolution. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve a 10 year Real Property Abatement. Councilman Hackman seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.
Abatement Compliance:
Scott Teipen, with Tampico Grain, then presented Compliance Statement forms for 2 Real Property Abatements and 1 Personal Property Abatement. After review of the statements, Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the compliance statements. Councilman Nolting seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Mark McKinney, with Jackson County REMC, then presented Compliance Statement forms for 10 Personal Property Abatements. After review of the statements, Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the compliance statements for REMC. Councilman Hackman seconded. Five (5) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Hall serves on the REMC Board so he abstained from the vote.

Heather VonDielingen, County Extension Director, was unable to attend the meeting, however, the Extension Office 2018 Annual Report was handed out to Council members for their review.

Chief Public Defender Alan Marshall then appeared before Council to ask for an additional appropriation from the Supplemental Defender Fund for expenses for conflict and overflow council. After discussion, Council directed the County Auditor to advertise for $10,000.

Council tabled the Campaign Finance Enforcement Ordinance.

Council then discussed the Interlocal Agreement with Jennings County on the Work Release Center. Jennings County Council signed the Agreement as presented. The facility is projected to house 152 inmates of which, per the agreement, Jennings County will have access to 50 beds. Jennings County will be responsible for 1/3 the cost of the building. Jackson County provided the chance for the City of Seymour to sign on, however, the City did not agree to financially support the facility, but passed the option on to the Seymour Redevelopment Commission. An offer had not been received from the Redevelopment Commission at the start of this meeting. This now leaves Jackson County with the responsibility of 2/3 of the cost of the building. Grants will assist in operating expenses for the facility. Jackson County Council plans to fund the Bond payments in the following way:

- 1/3 with Property Tax. No new tax will be added, but the new bond will be funded in a timed fashion as to coincide with the end of another Bond. The rate will remain the same.

- 1/3 by reallocating the LIT public safety tax. House Bill 1263 allows for the reallocation of these funds. Legally up to 2/10 can be taken. Only 1/10 is needed to fund the remaining 1/3 portion.

Council members stated that the City of Seymour are aware of this plan. Councilman Hall then read Resolution #13. The Agreement was prepared by Barnes & Thornburg and has been signed by the Jennings County Council and the Jennings County Auditor. Councilman Hackman made a motion to approve. Councilman Thompson seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.
Councilman Hall then performed the 1st reading of Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2019-#8. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Councilman Nolting seconded. This additional is for the following:

- **Jackson County Drug Free Grant Fund** to **Personal Services**: $1,275
- **Cumulative Bridge Fund** to **Capital Outlays**: $70,000

Six (6) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Hall then performed the 2nd reading of Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2019-#8. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve upon 2nd reading. Councilman Hackman seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Hall then read Emergency Transfer Resolution 2019-#9, Council Bill #9. This Resolution is for the following transfers:

- **County General Jail**:
  - 1000-23500-0380 Clothing to 1000-32400-0380 Returning Inmates: $1,020
- **Public Defender**:
  - 1000-35100-0271 Utilities to 1000-13101-0271 Witness Fees: $3,000
  - 1000-36100-0271 Maint/Repairs to 1000-13101-0271 Witness Fees: $1,374.37

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Ann Cain seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Hall then performed the 1st reading of Ordinance 9, Council Bill 10 – Establishing a Non Reverting Preservation Fund. Councilman Nolting made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Councilman Hackman seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Hall then performed the 2nd reading of Ordinance 9, Council Bill 10. Councilman Nolting made a motion to approve upon 2nd reading. Councilwoman Storey seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Highway Superintendent, Jerry Ault presented the $999,251.35 “Big” check that he received as a representation of the Community Crossings Grant that was awarded to the County. This is a 75/25 grant match with the 25% amount of $333,085.21 coming from the Rainy Day fund. Ault also presented a list of roads on the list of Paving for 2019.

Sheriff Meyer presented the March 2019 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report, Jail Statistics and Dog Detention Report. Sheriff Meyer stated that inmate crews have been busy mowing, weed eating and clean up.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard presented a letter received from the Chief Justice which stated the July 1, 2019 judges salary increases. The Jackson County Public Defender and Sheriff salaries are based of the Judges, so beginning July 1, 2019 their salaries will increase.

Auditor Hohenstreiter presented the Council with a monthly Fund Report for their review.

Councilman Nolting made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Hackman seconded. Five (5) yes votes, motion carried.
The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 6:00PM.

Signed this 15th day of May, 2019.

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Michael Davidson  David Hall

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Mark Hackman  John Nolting

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Kari Storey

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Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest