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 Brewer, Councilwoman Schepman Councilman Pottschmidt, Councilman Wheeler, Councilman Prange Councilman Thompson

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

Councilman Prange made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2011 minutes as amended. Councilman Wheeler seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Murphy made the first reading on Resolution 2011-23. Resolution 2011-23 is a resolution transferring funds from the CEDIT fund (63) to the County General fund. This transfer is to be made in order to continue paying the County Financial Advisor through the end of 2011. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve upon first reading. Councilman Prange seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Brewer voted no. Councilman Murphy made the second reading of Resolution 2011-23. Councilman Prange made a motion to approve upon second reading. Councilman Thompson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Brewer suggested that Council review the Memorandum of Understanding with our Financial Advisor and agree upon the services he provides. Councilman Murphy agreed that all Council members should be informed. Councilman Prange stated that the county is now in better shape financially than he has seen for several years.

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. Auditor Debra Eggeman requested additional monies from the Jury Fee Fund (150) due to shortage of funds. Councilman Prange made a motion to approve. Councilman Thompson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Jerry Hounshel led a discussion on the most recent invoice for sewer charges from the Town of Brownstown. Mr. Hounshel stated that Commissioners have agreed that the bill should be paid and is requesting input from Council Members on the method of payment. Councilman Prange stated that the amount owed (139,739.97) should be paid back at the rate the bill was accumulated. Councilman Brewer stated that he would like additional time to check with the Utilities Regulatory Commission before making a decision. Councilman Brewer made a motion to table until the next scheduled Council meeting. Councilman Prange seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Juvenile Detention Center Director John Long submitted the monthly report for November 2011.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard presented a list of board appointments for 2012 for Council to review.
Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard presented the 2012 Salary Ordinance for approval. Councilman Murphy made the first reading. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve upon first reading. Councilman Prange seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Murphy made the second reading. Councilman Prange made a motion to approve upon second reading. Councilman Thompson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Thompson led the discussion on the Indiana Gateway for Government website. Councilman Thompson stated that after reviewing the website he feels that Jackson County looks really good. Thirty one counties are spending less money than they are receiving and Jackson County is one of those. Both prior and present Council Members have done a great job during budget hearings.

Sheriff Mike Carothers presented the Jail report for the month of November 2011 and also an Inmate Meal Expense Report.

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

Charlie Murphy – President  
J.L. Brewer

Leon Pottschmidt  
Becky Schepman

Brian Wheeler  
Greg Prange

Brian Thompson

Debra Eggeman - attest