Councilman Murphy called the Regular Meeting of the Jackson County Council to order at 6:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance and The Lords Prayer. Sheriff Mike Carothers performed the swearing in of the Council.

Members Present: Councilman Murphy, Councilman Brewer, Councilman Wheeler, Councilman Prange, Councilman Pottschtmd, Councilman Thompson, Councilwoman Schepman

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

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2012 meeting as presented. Councilman Wheeler seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Fleeta Arthur with the Park & Recreation Department requested that $845.00 be encumbered from the 2012 budget to use for payment in regards to the National Registry. Councilman Prange made a motion to approve. Councilman Brewer seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Commissioner Jerry Hounshel and Janssen & Spaans employee Jason Fee appeared before Council requesting to move forward on a plan to purchase properties surrounding the courthouse to implement a courthouse campus. Jason explained that proposal letters were sent to Lewis Insurance Agency, 202 E. Walnut Street, Brownstown and Timothy and Rhonda Thomas, 109 S. Sugar St., Brownstown, In. Both have been accepted and Commissioners have voted to move forward with the purchases contingent on Council approval. The total cost for both properties will be $240,094.32 which includes the relocation expenses. Councilman Brewer made a motion of intent to approve the $242,594.32 (this amount includes closing costs) once advertised by the County Auditor. Councilman Wheeler seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Murphy made the first reading of the Additional Appropriation requests. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve upon first reading. Councilman Wheeler seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Prosecutor Rick Poynter submitted a request for additional monies from the Prosecutors Diversion Fund in the amount of $3,000.00 (Office Mgr. Salary) and 2,500 (Investigator Salary). Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve. Councilwoman Schepman seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Murphy made the first reading of the Emergency Transfer Requests. Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve upon first reading. Councilman Wheeler seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.
Juvenile Home Director Dan Banks submitted Emergency Transfer Requests as follows:

1) From 1-36-241 (Food) to 1-36-322 (Travel) $58.00
2) From 1-36-221 (Gas/Oil) to 1-36-115 (Training Costs) $65.00
3) From 1-36-221 (Gas/Oil) to 1-36-361 (Equip Repair) $238.00

Councilman Prange made a motion to approve all three requests. Councilman Thompson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Probation Chief Norm Phillips submitted Emergency Transfer Requests as follows:

1) From 1-39-331 (Printing) to 1-35-118 (Office Manager) $231.20
2) From 1-39-363 (Copier Maint) to 1-39-118 (Office Manager) $400.00
3) From 1-39-393 (Seminars) to 1-39-118 (Office Manager) $500.00

Councilman Prange made a motion to approve all three requests. Councilman Wheeler seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

County Surveyor Jerry Tracy submitted Emergency Transfer Requests as follows:

1) From 39-319-331 (Printing) to 39-319-111 (SS/Med) $50.00
2) From 39-319-331 (Printing) to 39-319-212 (Office Supplies) $75.93

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

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard requested Emergency transfer of funds as follows:

1) From 1-33-323 (Postage) to 1-33-123 (Group Insurance) $311.00
2) From 1-33-333 (Legal Notices) to 1-33-123 (Group Insurance) $380.00
3) From 1-33-341 (Official Bonds) to 1-33-123 (Group Insurance) $645.00
4) From 1-33-342 (Liab/Casualty Ins.) to 1-33-123 (Group Ins.) $761.00
5) From 1-33-395 (Burial of Soldiers) to 1-33-123 (Group Ins.) 1,900.00
6) From 1-33-396 (Care of Inmates/Patients) to 1-33-123 (Gr. Ins.) $52,100.00
7) From 1-33-397 (Change of Venue) to 1-33-123 (Group Ins.) $300.00
8) From 1-33-398 (Animal Testing) to 1-33-123 (Group Insurance) $1,000.00
9) From 1-33-321 (Telephone) to 1-33-123 (Group Insurance) $10,000.00

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

Councilman Thompson made the first reading of Ordinance 2012-08. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve on first reading. Councilman Brewer seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried. Ordinance 2012 is an Ordinance for the loan of monies from and to specific funds which are listed as follows:

1) $20,000 from Unappropriated Deferral Fund to Unappropriated Diversion Fund.
2) $100,000.00 from Unappropriated General Fund to the Health Insurance Fund.
3) $19,237.50 from Unappropriated Rainy Day Fund to General Fund for legal services.

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

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard presented a list of board appointments to be made for 2013 as follows:

1) Jackson County Library Board - Tabled for further review
2) Jackson County Plan Commission - Leon Pottschmidt reappointed to one year term.
3) Alcoholic Beverage Board - Chad Leinart reappointed to one year term.
4) Department of Parks and Recreation - Tabled for further review.
5) Jackson County Industrial Development Corporation - Charlie Murphy appointed to one
5) Ambulance Services Authority Board – Greg Prange reappointed to one year term.
6) Jackson County Visitor Promotion Commission – Kendra Zumhingst was appointed to two year term.
7) Extension Board – Becky Schepman reappointed to one year term.
8) Emergency Management Council – Becky Schepman reappointed to one year term.
9) Seymour Economic Development Commission – Thomas Goeker reappointed to four year term.
10) Seymour Chamber of Commerce – Greg Prange reappointed to one year term.
11) Child Care Network – Joe Bowman appointed to one year term.
12) Solid Waste Board – reappoint Brian Thompson for one year term.

Councilman Murphy made the first reading of the Jackson County 2013 Salary Ordinance. Councilman Brewer made a motion to approve on first reading. Councilman Thompson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the 2013 Salary Ordinance which includes a 3% pay increase for all county employees. Councilman Brewer seconded. Four (4) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Prange, Councilman Wheeler and Councilman Pottschmidt voted no.

Councilman Thompson gave an update on the reassessment contract with Tyler Technologies.

Sheriff Mike Carothers presented the November Jail Report and Inmate Meal Expense Report. Sheriff Carothers also informed Council that Red Sky Rescue Director, Ruth Riley has agreed to a monthly contract versus an annual contract.

Councilman Prange asked fellow Council Members how the expiration of the CAGIT tax will effect the county. Councilman Murphy explained that the county will miss one year of CAGIT revenue. The CAGIT tax was originally set up for the lease payments on the Jail & Detention Center. Councilman Prange stated that he would prefer that the county use our State Legislators versus the hiring of a lobbyist firm.

Attorney Susan Bevers informed all that the CASA Program will hold a fund raiser at the Pines Evergreen Room on January 19, 2013.

Human Resource Director Jeff Hubbard informed Council that representatives of SIHO have requested to meet with the Insurance Committee to discuss the implementation of a Jackson County Health Clinic.

The meeting adjourned until January 2013.

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Charlie Murphy – President    J.L. Brewer
Leon Pottschmidt

Brian Wheeler

Becky Schepman

Brian Thompson

Greg Prange

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest