MINUTES
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL
February 19, 2014
6:00 PM

Members Present: Councilman Leon Pottschmidt, Councilman Brian Thompson, Councilman Joe Bowman, and Councilman Brian Wheeler, Councilman Greg Prange, Councilman Charlie Murphy and Councilwoman Rebecca Schepman

Members Absent: None.

Council President- Leon Pottschmidt called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
The Lord’s Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Sheriff Mike Carothers performed the swearing in of the Council.

Councilman Charlie Murphy made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2014 meeting. Councilman Greg Prange seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from Other Committees:
Councilman Brian Thompson discussed the Legislature meeting held at the Jackson County Education Center this past Saturday. He stated that Senator Steele, Representative Lucas and Representative Cook were present. Thompson stated that HR-SB 1006 Felon Classifications and SB 1 HB 1001 Personal Property Repeal were discussed.
End of Reports from Other Committees

Councilman Pottschmidt then performed the 1st reading of Ordinance #1, Council Bill #1.
Councilman Prange made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Councilman Murphy seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

This ordinance is a reduction of funds from County General fund-appropriations in 1-49 (Juvenile Detention Center) for the amount of $657,350.00 and appropriation 1-35-311 (Jail-Med/Hosp Services) for the amount of $116,339.00. Amounts will be going into new fund #142 Cagit-Jail/Juv. Det. Ctr. for reporting purposes for revenues received through Cagit distribution for the Jail and Juvenile Detention Center.

Councilman Pottschmidt then performed the 2nd reading of Ordinance #1, Council Bill #1.
Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve upon 2nd reading. Councilman Prange seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Pottschmidt then performed the 1st reading of Ordinance 2014 -#2. This ordinance is an Additional Appropriation Ordinance. Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter discussed the details of this ordinance. Councilman Prange made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Councilman Thompson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried. The ordinance reads as follows:

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Councilman Pottschmidt then performed the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2014-#2. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve upon 2nd reading. Councilman Murphy seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter discussed with Council members the Ineligible/Eligible Expenditure Report that was the result of the 911 Audit. Auditor Hohenstreiter informed the council that she had met with the Sheriff and 911 Director on the findings and she had sent an email to Barry Ritter –State 911 Director for explanation, considering the expenses were used for the operation of the 911 system. As of meeting date, Hohenstreiter had not received response from Mr. Ritter. After discussion, it was decided to table until March Council meeting to see what response from Mr. Ritter would be.

Sheriff Carothers then presented Council with the January 2014 Report for the Jackson County Jail, the January 2014 Meal Expenditure Report and the January 2014 Dog Detention Report.

Jackson County Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin informed Council that he will have information for them next month, regarding overtime, supplies, etc for his department.

Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard requested approval to purchase additional phones out of remaining money from the 2010 GOB. The additional phones would be for parts/repair or new employees. Hubbard was given approval to purchase six (6) additional phones.

Jackson County Auditor, Kathy Hohenstreiter presented to council the Cash/Investment Combined Statement for their review. This in part of the Annual report for 2013 that is entered on the Gateway site and this report is also advertised in the local newspapers.

Hohenstreiter then asked for direction as to where to pay 2014 Council Dues. Council advised Hohenstreiter to pay the 2014 dues from the Auditor’s budget.

Hohenstreiter then asked for direction in regards to Soil & Water’s request for funds. After discussion, it was decided that a claim would be turned in for the 2014 Soil and Water Budget. $2,900 from the Cum Cap Fund –appropriation 140-1400-462 for Soil/Water equipment repair and maintenance and $13,090 from County General 1-40 Soil and Water. It was decided that for the 2015 Budget year –Soil and Water would be a budgeted appropriation amount in the Commissioners budget entitled Soil/Water grant but that the District Co Ordinator’s salary would stay in the County General fund- 1-40-111.

Hohenstreiter then stated that approximately $4,000 is left in the GOB appropriation from the docuware scanning that was done in the Auditor’s office for homestead, veterans, mortgage, disability, and age exemptions. Hohenstreiter requested to use this remaining balance to purchase chairs for the auditor’s office. This money is from the 2013 GOB. Council approved the remaining amount for the purchase of office chairs.
Brad Lucas, with Jackson Co LAPC (Right to Know), requested that the council restore their budget as originally submitted. Lucas stated that $19,901 was requested and $12,025 was approved in the 2014 budget. After discussion, Councilman Murphy made a motion of intent to do an additional appropriation in the March meeting of $7876 to restore the budget as originally submitted. Councilman Prange seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

A representative from the Jackson County Juvenile Detention Center was not present to give the January 2014 report.

Councilman Thompson then addressed the topic of Property Tax Assessment Appeals and the loss of assessed value in the last couple of years. He stated that $20,000 of revenue is lost for every $1,000,000 of lowered assessed value. Thompson discussed the importance of the PTABOA board having a complete understanding of what happens when the assessments are changed. He stated that members of council will attend the next PTABOA meeting. Councilman Thompson also discussed an $8,000,000 assessed property in Jackson Township. A Form 113-Adjustment to Assessment has been filed in regards to this property. Be it known that the council supports the pursuit of this adjustment to reassessment.

Thompson also discussed appraisals on new buildings. Right now, buildings are assessed when complete. He raised the following question: “Would the county want to pursue assessing buildings as a work in process?”

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

Signed this 19th day of March, 2014.

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Leon Pottschmidt – President                  Joe Bowman

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Brian Wheeler                                 Brian Thompson

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Becky Schepman                                Charlie Murphy

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Greg Prange

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Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest