Members Present: Councilman Charlie Murphy, Councilman Leon Pottschmidt, Councilman Brian Thompson, Councilman Joe Bowman, and Councilman Brian Wheeler, Councilman Greg Prange and Councilwoman Rebecca Schepman
Members Absent: None.

Councilman 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 February 19, 2014 meeting. Councilman Greg Prange seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

**Reports from Other Committees:**
Councilman Brian Thompson informed Council that there is a new bill before the Governor of Indiana to sign. The new bill is regarding changes in business tax in the future. Councilman Thompson stated that he will report back when more information is available.

**End of Reports from Other Committees**

Councilman Pottschmidt then performed the 1st reading of Ordinance 2014-#4. The following appropriations are included in Ordinance 2014-#4:

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Councilman Brian Wheeler made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Councilman Joe Bowman seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Pottschmidt then performed the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2014-#4. Councilman Prange made a motion to approve upon 2nd reading. Councilman Murphy seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Pottschmidt then stated that Cooler Design is still moving forward with designs for the courthouse expansion. Councilman Pottschmidt stated that a solid plan on how to finance this expansion needs to be discussed. Commissioner Hounshel, who was present for the meeting, stated that commissioners would like to keep moving forward and that they request that some financial planning for this project be put into place by Council. Hounshel stated that they should have another design to review soon.

County Auditor, Kathy Hohenstreiter stated that a meeting was held on Friday March 14th with Mr. Barry Ritter to discuss E911 Eligible/Ineligible Expenditures. Hohenstreiter stated that out of Jackson County’s over $600,000- 911 budget, only $13,887.95 was found to be ineligible for 2013.
She stated that $2,070.50, after review, was declared eligible. An additional $2,679.29 is going back to the Board for review. This leaves $9,168.16 at this time, that may need to be repaid to the 911 Fund. There is, however, the possibility that this may be forgiven if the State 911 Board decides to follow the guidelines of the State Board of Account’s 5% rule. The State 911 Board meets again in April and Mr. Ritter said he would let the County know of the Board’s decision. Hohenstreiter was asked to keep the council informed as she receives more information on this issue.

John Schafstall, Mark Norman, Jim Thompson and Mark Wischmeier, on behalf of the Jackson County Fair Board, came before Council requesting funding to help replace a 60+ year old restroom facility at the fairgrounds. It was stated that the county commissioners gave the Fair Board approval to approach council for funding for this project. The estimated cost to build a new facility would be $60,000 - $80,000. The new facility would be handicap accessible, have a family restroom and would be double the current size. Councilman Thompson stated that in 2010 the Fair Board was asked by Council to share a Capital Improvements Plan so Council could budget these expenses into the annual budget. Councilman Wheeler asked what the Fair Board cash on hand was at the end of 2013. The 2013 end of year financials was shared with Council. After discussion it was determined that Council would be in favor of budgeting money in the future to help with capital improvements, but cannot do anything at this time. The Fair Board was advised to come back at budget time with estimated costs of improvements so Council can help budget this in the future.

Sheriff Carothers then presented the Jackson County Jail February 2014 Report, the February 2014 Meal Expenditure Report and the February 2014 Dog Detention Report.

Jackson County Highway Supervisor, Warren Martin presented information regarding overtime, supplies, etc for his department for the first part of 2014.

Martin stated that truck bids were opened at the March 18th, 2014 commissioner meeting. He stated that after review it looks like bids are coming in $19,846 under budget. Martin asked if that remaining money could be used to purchase a bigger flat drum roller for asphalt. Council stated that as long as he remains within the $19,846 he can purchase the new roller.

Martin also reported the money received from Motor Vehicle Highway for 2013 and 2014 year to date.

Martin also informed Council that the county roads were largely affected from the harsh winter. He stated that County Road 600 N needs to be completely redone. It has very little base and he plans on a double chip & seal for this road.

Jackson County Auditor, Kathy Hohenstreiter then asked council for permission to add an appropriation line into the commissioner budget. This line will be 1-33-394 – Insurance Liability Reimbursement. After discussion, council gave permission to add this additional appropriation line.

Hohenstreiter then discussed dormant funds. Fund 169 – Capital Projects Fund 2007, Hohenstreiter asked if this was an old bond. Also, Fund 52- the 2010 GOB was discussed. Hohenstreiter stated that she would like to “clean up” these funds that have not had recent activity. Hohenstreiter was advised to find out as much information as she could for the April meeting.

Councilman Prange made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Murphy seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.
Signed this 16th day of April, 2014.

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Leon Pottschmidt – President  Joe Bowman

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Becky Schepman  Charlie Murphy

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Greg Prange

Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest