MINUTES
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL BUDGET REVIEW MEETING
September 30, 2015
7:00 PM

Members Present: Councilman Leon Pottschmidt, Councilwoman Rebecca Schepman, Councilman Brian Thompson, Councilman Charlie Murphy, Councilman Michael Davidson, Councilman Joe Bowman and Councilwoman Bridey Jacobi

Members Absent: All Present

Councilman Leon Pottschmidt called the Special Budget Review Meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Lord’s Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Sheriff Mike Carothers performed the swearing in of the Council.

Council President Leon Pottschmidt reminded council that only budget review would be discussed at the meeting.

Branden Robbins representing Reedy Financial Group presented the revised version of the Jackson County Budget which reflected adjustments that had been discussed by Council in previous budget workshops. After all adjustments between funds have been made, the County’s budget is now balanced and ready to be adopted for the ensuing year.

Other discussions concerning the 2016 Budget included the CAGIT Revenue would not support the projected CAGIT budget. Therefore, a portion of the insurance account was moved to the Commissioner’s budget in the County General fund. No changes were made to the EMS Budget, cash reserves could cover any deficiency.

In early 2016, additional appropriations will be advertised for the Juvenile Home budget in Fund 9103-CHINS Fund. The Juvenile Home budget was removed from the County General fund.

Reedy Financial Group will request a levy reduction in the County General Fund in order to increase the levy and revenue in the Reassessment Fund.

Prosecutor Amy Travis requested an additional prosecutor to be added to her budget based on current and anticipated case loads and the new pauper counsel department being added to the County General fund stating that she felt there was an imbalance between the two departments. After a lengthy discussion, Councilman Charlie Murphy made a motion that $30,000 for an independent contract part time prosecutor to be paid out of the Prosecutor’s Diversion/Deferral fund, seconded by Councilman Brian Thompson-7 yes votes. Prosecutor Travis stated that she wished the amount to be increased to $35,000. Councilman Murphy amended his motion to $35,000 for the part time contract prosecutor to be paid from the Diversion/Deferral Fund, seconded by Councilman Thompson. 7 yes votes.

Councilman Thompson then made a motion that no more changes to be made to the 2016 Budget to be adopted on October 21, 2015. Councilman Murphy seconded the motion. 7 yes votes.
Signed this 21st day of October, 2015.

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Leon Pottschmidt – President                        Joe Bowman

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Michael Davidson                                   Brian Thompson

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Becky Schepman                                       Charlie Murphy

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Bridey Jacobi

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Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest