MINUTES
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL
February 15, 2017
6:00 PM

Members Present: Councilman Leon Pottschmidt, Councilman Brian Thompson, Councilman Michael Davidson, Councilman John Nolting, Councilwoman Ann Cain, and Councilman Dave Hall, Councilwoman Bridey Jacobi
Members Absent: All Present

The Lord’s Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Councilwoman Bridey Jacobi called the Regular meeting to order at 6:00PM.
Sheriff Carothers performed the swearing in of the Council.

The Minutes of the January 18, 2017 Meeting will be Amended and brought back to the March 15, 2017 meeting for approval. The order of The Lord’s Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance, Meeting to Order and Swear In was incorrect.

Reports from Other Committees:
Councilman Dave Hall, on behalf of the Ambulance Board, stated that the Ribbon Cutting for the new East Side Ambulance Station will be held on March 1, 2017.
Councilman Leon Pottschmidt, on behalf of the Extension Board, stated that the Annual Meeting will be held on February 22, 2017 at 7pm.
End of Reports from Other Committees.

New Business

Superior Court 1 Judge Markel came before Council to ask to use funds for furniture purchases in the Bond under Line 43024, which was set for computer purchase. Judge Markel stated that there is no need for new computers at this time, but that an update to some furniture is necessary. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the request. Councilman Pottschmidt seconded. Three (3) yes votes, motion carried.

Plan Commissioner Conner Barnette presented the department’s 2016 Report. Barnette stated that the Zoning Codes have been rewritten and are in the approval process. Discussion then followed about costs that have already been incurred for property maintenance issues/clean up in 2017. This expense is paid from Contractual Services out of the Commissioners Budget. It was decided that if needed, a transfer can be made into Contractual Services with the possibility of an additional later in the year. Barnette then discussed the current fee for cell towers. Jackson County is currently at $525, while other counties are around $1,500. Barnette will discuss with the Plan Commission first and then present to Council for final approval.

Councilwoman Jacobi then performed the 1st reading of Additional Appropriation 2017-1. Councilman Pottschmidt made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Councilman Thompson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried. Councilwoman Jacobi then performed the 2nd reading of Additional Appropriation 2017-1. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve upon 2nd reading. This additional is for the following:
All funds were Council Approved State/Federal Grant funds:

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Councilman Michael Davidson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.
Councilman Dave Hall then made a motion to waive 3rd reading. Councilman Pottschmidt seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Pottschmidt made a standing motion to waive all 3rd readings in 2017. Councilman Thompson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

County Treasurer, Roger Hurt then appeared before Council to inform them that there will be a change in the Outsourcing Company used for the printing and mailing of tax bills. The previous vendor could not sync with the new tax system and therefore could not be used. The new vendor is L & D Mail Masters and the quote is under the budget for 2017, coming in at $16,310.67 with possible extra 5% of $815.53.

Jon Stahl then appeared before Council to state his concerns regarding the building of the new Judicial Center. Stahl’s concerns included, but were not limited to the following:
- Would like to see more information available to county residents
- Jail overcrowding
- Cost of new Judicial Center/Tax Rate
- Building abandonment

Council assured Stahl that every effort has been made to do what is right for the county, with no attempt to do this without the public’s knowledge.

Chuck Brackemyer and Bob Brown also stated that they have many of the same concerns as Stahl.

After discussion, Councilman Pottschmidt made a motion to move on to Old Business. Councilman Hall seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

**Old Business**

Richard Beckort with the extension office was not present for the meeting.
Board Appointments:
PTABOA – Tabled
Regional Sewage Board of Trustees – Councilman Hall made a motion to appoint AJ Poulton to Ward 1 and to retain Mr Huffman, Mr Eggers and Mr Lawyer in their current positions. Councilman John Nolting seconded. Six (6) yes votes, One (1) nay vote by Councilman Pottschmidt, motion carried.

End of Old Business

Highway Supervisor, Jerry Ault presented Council with a packet of information of what the Highway department duties included and a current list of trucks and equipment. Ault also presented a work report for January 2017. Ault then discussed the Paser System of rating roads and the possibility of using crack sealing as preventative maintenance.


Council then discussed the prospect of updating the current county website and the possibility of a county Facebook page. After lengthy discussion, Council members decided to start with the update of the website. Members decided to look at other counties sites to see how they are set up and bring ideas back to the next meeting.

Councilman Pottschmidt made a motion to adjourn due to comments from the crowd not being presented in the needed meeting format.

Mrs. Laura Stahl then asked if the county website address could be included on tax statements. Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter stated that the website is listed on the back of the statements. Treasurer Hurt stated that with the new vendor mentioned above and a new law that has become effective, the website will be listed on the outside of the tax bill envelope.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 6:00 PM.

Signed this 15th day of March, 2017.

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Brian Thompson                     Ann Cain

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Michael Davidson                   David Hall

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Leon Pottschmidt                   John Nolting