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

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

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.

Councilman John Nolting made a motion to approve the amended minutes of the January 18, 2017 regular meeting and the February 15, 2017 regular meeting. Councilman Dave Hall seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from Other Committees:
Councilman Nolting stated that he attended a Plan Commission meeting and that this meeting was spent going through the rewritten ordinance.
Human Resource Director, Jeff Hubbard stated that a pre-bid meeting was held for the Judicial Center. Bids for general contracting, electrical, plumbing and mechanical are due to the Auditor’s office by 4pm, March 20, 2017. These bids will be presented to the Commissioners at the March 21, 2017 meeting for opening.
End of Reports from Other Committees.

New Business
Jack Gillespie and Molly Marshall came before Council to discuss the CDC Obesity Prevention Initiative. The grant received for this initiative runs from Sept 2016 to Sept 2018 and Purdue University serves as the go between for the CDC and local levels. Gillespie and Marshall discussed what the initiative is focusing on and discussed programs involved. Gillespie asked Council members to reach out to Jackson County Townships and request that in the future, the township budget 10% of receipts to their Health/Culture budget to assist in the continued funding of this initiative.

Frank Wolka Jr and JL Brewer, on behalf of the Driftwood Township Fire District Board, came before Council to discuss an additional that is needed for 2 fire hydrants to be added in Vallonia. The additional would be for $5,000.00. After discussion, Attorney Susan Bevers stated that she will be in contact with JL Brewer, so that the steps for this process are done correctly.

Plan Commissioner Conner Barnette came before council to discuss new fees for cell towers. Barnette stated that his board has approved $1500.00 for new facilities and $500 for co-locates. Councilman Brian Thompson made a motion for Attorney Bevers to prepare an Ordinance for an amendment to the Fee Schedule to allow for these new fees. Councilman Leon Pottschmidt seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.
Auditor Kathy Hohenstreiter then presented an updated Interlocal Agreement between the County and all cities and towns in the county. This update was needed due to the changing of CEDIT to LIT. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve. Councilman Nolting seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried. Council also requested an update at the next meeting, stating if the Auditor’s office has received all the signed agreements from the cities and towns.

Councilwoman Bridey Jacobi then performed the 1st reading of Additional Appropriation Ordinance #3. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Councilman Pottschmidt seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried. Councilwoman Jacobi then performed the 2nd reading of Additional Appropriation Ordinance #3. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve. Councilman Nolting seconded. Discussion followed. This additional is for the following:

- County General Fund Personal Services $75,000
- Supplemental Defender Fund Personal Services $20,000
- Rainy Day Fund Other Services and Charges $366,315
- Jackson County Visitor Ctr Capital Outlays $19,969

Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilwoman Jacobi then read Emergency Transfer Resolution #2, Council Bill #3. Councilman Pottschmidt made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Councilman Hall seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried. Councilwoman Jacobi then read Emergency Transfer Resolution #2, Council Bill #3. Councilwoman Jacobi then performed the second reading Emergency Transfer Resolution #2, Council Bill #3 by title only. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve. Councilman Pottschmidt seconded. The Emergency Transfer is for the following:

From 1000-33131-0062 Election Mechanic To 1000-11120-0062 Per Diem $1880.00.

Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Thompson then made a motion to waive all second readings for Resolutions in 2017. Councilman Michael Davidson seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

PTABOA Board Appointment – After discussion, Councilman Pottschmidt made a motion to appoint Stacy Brasher. Councilman Thompson seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

**END OF OLD BUSINESS**

Highway Supervisor, Jerry Ault discussed the following with Council:

- Ault has been informed that IF the State grants the Community Crossing Matching Grant this year, it would be for 20% at most.
- Ault presented roads he would like to see paved in 2017. This would be 15.26 mile of road at a cost of $994,092.50.
- This year, the highway will crack seal any roads that will be chip and sealed before the chip and seal is applied. This will add years to the road and take the road up to a Paser reading of 9.
Juvenile Detention Center Director, Steve Redicker then presented the Centers February 2017 Report.

Sheriff Mike Carothers presented Council with the February 2017 Jail Report, Meal Expenditure Report, Dog Detention Report and Judicial Statistics Report. Sheriff Carothers also stated that on March 1, 2017 the tower at the Sheriff Dept. was blown down by the storm that effected the county.

Treasurer Roger Hurt informed Council members that the new tax bill envelopes will have the County website printed on the outside and also on the bill itself.

Auditor Hohenstreiter stated she forwarded on to Council and Commissioners, an email this afternoon regarding Civic Plus. This is the company who set up the county website and may be able to provide information regarding cost of upgrading/changing the current setup.

Councilman Davidson stated that at the previous meeting, an individual stated that Jackson County was the 14th highest tax county in the State. Councilman Davidson stated that he researched this, and Jackson County is currently listed 52nd out of the 92 counties in IN.

Update on Judicial Center –
Attorney Bevers stated she is waiting on the 2nd appraisals for Middendorf and Kloppenburg properties from Myers appraisal.
Attorney Bevers stated she is getting an appraisal on the land only, where the Judicial Center will be built.
The Alley Vacates have been approved on 1st hearing. Expected to be approved on 2nd hearing at the next town meeting and the 3rd hearing is expected to be waived. Currently under purchase agreement for the land parcel with Middendorf.

Councilman Nolting made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Pottschild seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 19th, 2017 at 6:00 PM.

Signed this 19th day of April, 2017.

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Michael Davidson  David Hall

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Leon Pottschild  John Nolting

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Ann Cain  Kathy Hohenstreiter - attest