MINUTES
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL
November 20, 2024
8:00 AM

Members Present: Councilman Brady Riley, Councilman Brian Thompson, Councilwoman Amanda Lowery, Councilman Ryan Brett Turner, Councilman John Nolting, Councilman Michael Davidson, Councilman Jake Brown
The Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Councilman Riley called the Regular meeting to order at 8:00AM.
Sheriff Rick Meyer performed the swearing in of the Council.
Councilman Tompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2024, regular meeting. Councilman Lowery seconded. Seven (7) votes, motion carried.

Reports from Other Committees:

Councilman Turner mentioned that the county recently held a SIM mapping training event out at Camp Pyoca. Four of the council members attended this event at some point throughout the day. He emphasized that tons of useful information came from this training. EMS, Fire, Police, and mental health agencies in the county were also present. He believes that we as a Council need to stay in tune with J. L Brewer and his group with JRAC to see how this proceeds. He is thrilled to have this collaboration with them and the other county agencies. He thinks we are finally getting somewhere as far as addressing the mental health issues in the county.
Councilman Thompson also spoke on this matter and the changes that occur in arrests. Drugs and mental health most of the time are tied together and this training was to educate on those. They came up with five goals during the training,

1. Crisis Intervention Training-40 hours of training for county officers
2. Mental health/Veterans court-assist in getting through arrest process
3. Recovery housing
4. Detox program-Schneck
5. Mobile Crisis Center- Columbus has one called STRIDE

Councilman Turner and Councilman Thompson commended J.L., his team and Carrie for putting on a momentous event and providing this valuable training. There was a great turnout and a lot of interest!

*Amend agenda to include Resolution #10 Council Bill #28, and Council Bill #29.
Councilmen Thompson made a motion to approve, Councilmen Davidson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Riley performed the first reading of the Additional Appropriation Ordinance #30 Council Bill #27

Contract Public Defender Fund (Other Services & Charges)- $6,600.00
Jackson Co. General Fund (Other Services & Charges)-$1,819.00 (Capital Outlays)-$1000.00
LIT Correctional Fund (Other Services & Charges)- $100,000.00
Corona Local Fiscal Recovery (Capital Outlays)-$37,206.00

Councilman Riley preformed second reading by title only.
Councilman Thompson made a motion approve; Councilman Davidson seconded.
Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Emergency Transfer-Resolution #8 Council Bill #28
Transfer from Health Fund Budget and Cum Cap Development General Fund Budget
Probation Fund Budget-Seminars to Office Supplies ($1000.00)
Highway Fund Budget- Bridge to Stone & Gravel ($20,000.00)
Diversion Fund Budget-Diversion to County General Executive Office Manager ($485.20)
Councilman Davidson made a motion to approve, Councilman Turner seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Resolution #10 Council Bill #28- Brad's Law (see attached)
Councilman Turner made a motion to approve, Councilman Nolting seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Resolution #10 Council Bill #29-Detention & Documentation of Individuals driving without a license to ensure accountability and tracking (see attached)
Councilwoman Lowery made a motion to approve, Councilman Brown seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:
The $250,000.00 in ARPA Funds that was approved by the Council to be distributed to the ten fire departments (up to $25,000 each) in the county will be appropriated next month.

Nate Bryant discussed First Responder Hazard pay for EMS employees.

Councilman Riley spoke about longevity pay and step increase and informed that discussions have been taking place between him, Councilwoman Lowery, and the department heads. Many offices do not like the longevity pay and would like to keep the step increase.

Councilman Turner agreed that those county departments working on holidays and on duty 24/7 should get a reward for keeping our county safe. Councilman Thompson agreed and stated numbers will be key to this decision. A meeting with Reedy Financial will be taking place tomorrow and three council members are attending.

MISC BUSINESS:

Jeff Hubbard, Human Resources, brought to attention the 2025 board appointments. He asked the Council when they would like to make these appointments. He informed everyone that open enrollment would be taking place next week, and a PERF meeting will be held December !2, 2024.

Jerry Ault, Highway Dept, let the council know that the 2025 CCMG is done, except for the paving list. He informed that they are still widening the roads, and that they are preparing for the snow and winter.

Rick Meyer, Sheriff, stated Council was provided October 2024 reports. He let the council know that the medical contact the Commissioners approved is less than the previous one of $790,000.00 through Advanced. It is through Quality Correctional care and is $662,700.00. They would have more hours and have another nurse available full time.

Hans Eilbracht, Auditor, informed council that the October 2024 Treasurer Report is delayed due to the office taking tax payments. He handed out the October 2002 Fund Balance Report and 2025 Council Meeting Schedule. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve the schedule, Councilwoman Lowery seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilwoman Lowery made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Brown seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 18, at 8:00 AM.

Signed this 18th day of December 2024.

Brian Thompson

Brett Turner

Michael Davidson

John Nolting

Jacob Brown

Amanda Lowery

Brady Riley

Hans C. Eilbracht - attest