MINUTES
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL
April 17, 2024
8:00 AM

Members Present: Councilman Brady Riley, Councilman Brian Thompson, Councilman Michael Davidson, Councilman Jake Brown, Councilwoman Amanda Lowery and Councilman Ryan Brett Turner and Councilman John Nolting
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.
Councilwoman Lowery made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2024, regular meeting. Councilman Turner seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from Other Committees:

Councilman Turner advised that the Ambulance Brownstown Station remodel is moving forward. Also, our EMS took part in a Special Olympics firetruck pulling contest fundraiser and did a great job!

Councilman Riley thanked Seymour City Council for issuing a letter of non-support for Brookings Institute Agenda, and at this time this project will not be moving forward. County Council looks forward to working with the Mayor, Seymour City Council and County Commissioners on this matter in the future.

Amended Agenda adding:

- Nate Bryant, EMS Director

NEW BUSINESS:

Abatement Compliance:
The following presented their 2024 abatement compliance for council to review:

Alex Williams, Jackson County REMC
After review, Councilman Turner made a motion to approve the compliance as presented. Councilman Davidson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Nate Bryant, EMS Director, is requesting the transfer of bond funds from vehicle line to Brownstown Station remodel line in the amount of $500,000.00. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve. Councilman Turner seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

Councilman Riley then performed the 1st reading of Ordinance 2023-#4 Council Bill #3. Councilman Nolting made a motion to approve upon 1st reading. Councilman Turner seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Riley then performed the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2023- #4 Council Bill #3 by title only. Councilman Brown made a motion to approve upon 2nd reading. Councilman Nolting seconded. Six (7) yes votes, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Alan Marshall, Chief Public Defender and Jeff Chalfant, Chief Prosecuting Attorney, come to the council looking for reclassification of salary positions. In the public defender's office, Alan is wanting to move on of his deputy prosecutor's salary from $80,000.00 to $100,102.00 and offer benefits to compete with surrounding counties salaries and public defender commission website ranges. After discussion, council made an offer to move the Public Defender Senior Deputy salary to match the Prosecutor's salary moving it from $80,000.00 to $93,196.48 with supplemental funding coming from the Public Defender's office for the remainder of 2024 when the position is filled. Councilman Brown made a motion to approve. Councilman Davidson seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried. Approving this position increase will bring an Amended Salary Ordinance to the May 2024 meeting.

MISC BUSINESS:

Jerry Ault, Highway Superintendent, supplied a report with township road percentages and advised the county was awarded the CCMG grant!

Rick Meyer, Sheriff, stated Council was provided March 2024 reports.

Jeff Hubbard, HR Director, reminded Council with the Public Defender position increase also brings another increase for the County in regard to insurance and PERF, and that estimated figure is around $30,000.00.

Staci Eglen, Auditor, informed council that they were given the March 2024 Treasurer Report and March 2024 Fund Balance Report. She also asked council for a vote on approval of the Jackson County Drug Free Council Allotments provided with an intent to go ahead and advertise and bring an additional at the May meeting. Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve. Councilman Nolting seconded. Seven (7) yes votes, motion carried.

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

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 8:00 AM.
Signed this 22nd day of April 2024.

Brian Thompson

Brett Turner

Michael Davidson

John Nolting

Jacob Brown

Brady Riley

Amanda Lowery

Jamie M Pyle - attest