REGULAR MEETING OF THE JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 17, 2013

The Jasper County Council met this date at 7:00 P.M. C.S.T. in the Commissioners' Room, Suite 202, of the Jasper County Courthouse located at 115 West Washington Street, Rensselaer, Indiana, with the following members present: H. Dan Stalbaum, Gerrit H. DeVries, Rein O. Bontreger, John T. Price, Stephen R. Jordan and Andrew Andree. Also present was the Auditor of Jasper County, Kimberly K. Grow and Deputy Auditor, Donya Jordan. Mr. Stalbaum called the meeting to order and Mr. Andree led those present to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES: Councilman Price made a motion to approve the November 19, 2013 minutes. Mr. Andree seconded this motion and the motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFER/COUNTY GENERAL FUND/COMMISSIONERS: Auditor Grow requested a transfer from the commissioner's personal services (longevity) category to the other services and charges (bonds) category in the amount of $6,400.00. Councilman Jordan made a motion to approve to approve this request with Mr. DeVries seconding. Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFER/COUNTY GENERAL FUND/SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT: Jim Martin, SWCD Board Member requested a transfer from the other services and charges (office space) category to personal services (part time help) category in the amount of $2,500.00 to pay the balance of their part time help. This money comes through a grant that the SWCD has received but the council has to appropriate it in order for the money to be spent. Mr. DeVries made a motion to approve the transfer with Councilman Price seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFER/COUNTY GENERAL FUND/CIRCUIT COURT: Judge Potter requested through a letter to transfer $293.86 from other services and charges category (meals for juror's) to capital outlays (office machines) category. Mr. Bontreger made the motion to approve this request. Councilman Jordan seconded this motion and motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFER/REASSESSMENT FUND/ASSESSOR: Assessor Hoffman requested a transfer from supplies (office supplies line) category to other services and charges (internet and cell phone line) category in the amount of $30.01 to pay her December internet bill for her IPAD. Councilman Price made a motion to approve this request with Mr. DeVries seconding this motion. The motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFER/SUPPLEMENTAL JUVENILE PROBATION SERVICES FUND: Judge Potter also requested by letter a transfer from other services and charges (professional continuing education line) category to supplies (supplies and equipment) category in the amount of $948.13. Mr. Bontreger made a motion to accept this transfer. Mr. Price seconded with this motion carrying unanimously.

TRANSFER/COUNTY GENERAL FUND/EMRGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY: Karen Wilson, the Emergency Management Director requested a transfer from other services and charges (CD insurance line) category to the supplies (office supplies) category in the amount of $62.00. Mr. Price made the motion to approve this transfer with Councilman DeVries seconding this. Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFER/LOCAL EMERGENY PLANNING AND RIGHT TO KNOW FUND: Mrs. Wilson also requested a transfer in the amount of $300.00 from personal services (mileage and per diem) category to other services and charges (hazardous materials training) category to cover the LEPC committee's training sessions at the Pub. Councilman Jordan made a motion to approve and Mr. Price seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF THE NEPOTISM AND CONTRACT DISCLOSURE PROPERTY: The council received the annual policies for nepotism and contract disclosure that all elected officials need to sign at the end of every year. All disclosures were signed and returned to the auditor. Councilman Price asked about whether he needed to note on his that his daughter-in-law works for the Rensselaer Central School Corporation and he always abstain when it comes to adopting anything for the school. Attorney Monfort said he should add this statement.

2014 BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Jasper County Alcoholic Beverage Commission: Mr. DeVries made a motion to appoint Marvin K. Sutter to a one year appointment to the Jasper County Alcoholic Beverage Commission. Mr. Price seconded this motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

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Jasper County Fair Association: Mr. Jordan made a motion to the one year appointment of Dan Stalbaum to the Jasper County Fair Association with Mr. Price seconding his motion. Motion carried unanimously.

JASPER COUNTY ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION ADVISORY PANEL: Councilman Price made the motion to approve Paul Norwine and Becky Deardorff to two year appointments to the Jasper County Economic Revitalization Advisory Panel. Mr. Bontreger seconded this motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

Jasper County Library Board: Mr. DeVries made a motion to approve Natalie Waling to a four year appointment to the Jasper County Library Board with Mr. Jordan seconding this motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jasper County Redevelopment Commission: Mr. Price made a motion to reappoint Terry Stevens and Calvin Illingworth to one year appointments to this commission. Mr. Bontreger seconded and this motion was approved unanimously.

KANKAKEE-IROQUOIS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION: Mr. Price made the motion to approve the one year appointment of Andy Andree to the Kankakee Iroquois Regional Planning Commission with Mr. Bontreger seconding. Motion carried unanimously.

WABASH VALLEY HOSPITAL: Mr. Price made a motion to reappoint Rein Bontreger to a one year appointment to the Wabash Valley Hospital Board. Mr. Jordan seconded this motion with the motion carried unanimously.

THE PURCHASE OF 129 W. HARRISON ST., RENSSELAER: A resolution was presented to the council for their signatures to acknowledge their interest in the real estate purchase located at 129 W. Harrison St., Rensselaer. Attorney Beaver is investigating the existing easement between this property and the property to the east (Dumas Building) He is also working on having inspections for soil contamination. If there are issues and the commissioners decide against this purchase this resolution doesn't bind the council to the purchase. Mr. Price made a motion to approve this resolution showing the council has an interest in the purchase of 129 W. Harrison St., Rensselaer. Councilman Andree seconded this motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR PAY FOR INSPECTIONS: Mr. Price passed out documentation provided by Mary Scheurich, Planning and Development Director showing the average for building inspections for the last three years is 170 inspections a year. He doesn't expect the council to do anything with this tonight but wanted everyone to have this information. This led into the discussion of the county building inspector position, training and education for this position. Council Vice President Stalbaum stated he has discussed this with Jasper County Board of Commissioner's President Kendell Culp. The council and commissioners are to schedule a work session for sometime in January, 2014 and hopefully can come to a decision at that time.

ELIMINATING BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX: Mr. Price showed his concern that Governor Pence wants to eliminate the business personal property tax and we would lose fifty percent of our certified net assessed value if this happens. Deputy Auditor Jordan explained ninety eight percent of the certified net assessed value for 2013 pay 2014 is $2,292,000,000.00 and only $222,367,280.00 is the assessed value for business personal property. Councilman Bontreger said he spoke to Senator Brandt Hershman concerning this and he said even though that sounds really good there would have to be a study done and even though the governor has this desire doesn't mean that this is going to happen. Local Governments can't be expected to fund this elimination without some other revenue to replace it. The State of Indiana is really working on being a good business climate.

PUBLIC COMMENT:.

PARTNERS FOR DRUG FREE JASPER COUNTY: Attorney Monfort explained to the council his 2014 budget request for this fund. He is the executive director of the Local Coordinating Council of the Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana. For every DUI or drug conviction in the county there is a fine collected for this fund. No tax dollars are involved in this request. The 2014 budget request will be advertised for additional appropriation for the January council meeting.

JASPER COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: Kevin Kelly, JCEDO Director invited the council to the commission's open house on December 18th. He updated everyone on the air show tentatively located at the Fair Oaks Dairy Farm. This event has been held in Gary for the last eight years. This show is scheduled for July 11-13, 2014 and there is a potential to draw business into the local

area. Hopefully, it will also increase participation in the Jasper County Fair which happens to start on July 13th and increase business for the Jasper County Airport. Mr. Kelly hopes the local tourism commission can help with this event.

1782 NOTICE: Auditor Grow stated Jasper County Government received the 2013 pay 2014 1782 Notice from the Department of Local Government Finance. There were issues with the advertising of the Jasper County Airport Authority's budget which created issues with our budget. With the help of Jasper County Airport Authority Board Member Craig Jackson and the Jasper County Airport Manager Brad Cozza, she was able to get this corrected and is waiting to receive the new 1782 Notice.

MEETING ADJOURNED: Mr. DeVries made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Mr. Andree seconding the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Rein Bontreger, President

Kimberly K. Grow, Auditor of Jasper County