

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
JANUARY 21, 2014**

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: Ronald G. Sipkema, 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. Sipkema called the meeting to order and Mr. Bontreger led those present to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

REORGANIZATION OF THE COUNCIL: President Sipkema asked not to be elected as president this year. Mr. DeVries spoke on behalf of the council thanking Mr. Sipkema for an excellent job serving as president for the past several years. Nominations were opened and Mr. Jordan made a motion to nominate Mr. Bontreger as president. Mr. Andree seconded this motion. No other nominations for President were made. Mr. DeVries made a motion to close the nominations with Mr. Andree seconding. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Bontreger was elected president unanimously. President Bontreger then asked for nominations for vice president. Mr. Price made a motion to nominate Dan Stalbaum for vice. Mr. Jordan seconded this motion. No other nominations for vice president were made. Mr. Andree made the motion to close nominations. Mr. Sipkema seconded closing the nominations. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Stalbaum was elected vice president unanimously.

MINUTES: Mr. Price made the motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Mr. Andree seconded this motion and the motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION / COUNTY GENERAL /COMMISSIONERS/PERSONAL SERVICES/WEIGHTS AND MEASURES: Auditor Grow stated the commissioners have hired a part time person to perform the duties of this new position which is required by state statute. We will be sharing this employee with Porter County. He will work up to 750 hours per year in Jasper County. Councilman Price made a motion to approve **Additional Appropriation Ordinance No. 2014-01A** in the amount of \$12,000.00. Mr. Jordan seconded and this motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION /COUNTY GENERAL/ELECTION BOARD/PERSONAL SERVICES/ABSENTEE VOTERS BOARD AND PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS: Jasper County Clerk Vicki Bozell had requested by letter to have \$2,680.00 for the absentee voters board line and \$9,290.00 for the precinct board members line in additional appropriations to increase what was approved at budget time to the amounts that are usually appropriated for these two lines. Mr. DeVries questioned as to why she needed that much money in these two lines when she didn't spend half of those amounts for the prior election. Mr. Sipkema made a motion to table **Additional Ordinance No. 2014-01B** until the February 18th meeting with the clerk being present to answer the council's questions. Mr. DeVries seconded this motion. This request passed unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/COUNTY GENERAL/CIRCUIT COURT/PERSONAL SERVICES/CASA DIRECTOR & ASSISTANT DIRECTOR; SUPPLIES/CASA OFFICE SUPPLIES; OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES/ CASA CONTINUING EDUCATION/CASA RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION; CAPITAL OUTLAYS/CASA EQUIPMENT: After the discussion with Judge Potter and CASA Director Katie Hall the council decided to table **Additional Appropriation Ordinance No. 2014-01C** request until after their joint work session with the commissioners on February 11th and will decide at their council meeting on February 18th. Mr. Price made this motion and Mr. Andree seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION /SUPPLEMENTAL PUBLIC DEFENDERS FUND/OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES: The budget request of \$10,000.00 was missed at the annual budget session in 2013. Councilman Jordan made a motion to approve **Additional Appropriation Ordinance No. 2014-01D** in the amount of \$10,000.00 and Mr. Sipkema seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/ CAGIT/JAIL SPECIAL LEGISLATION/OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES/UTILITIES: The council decided at budget time to pay most of the utilities out of the Drug Interdiction Fund but was told by the Indiana State Board of Accounts that the county can't do this. Mr. Price made a motion to approve **Additional Appropriation Ordinance No. 2014-01E** in the amount of \$135,000.00 with Mr. Andree seconding this motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/CLERK'S RECORD PERPETUATION FUND/OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES/PRESERVATION AND RECORDS: Vicki Bozell, the Jasper County Clerk requested by letter an additional in the amount of \$1,612.00 to pay an invoice for digital images converted to film rolls. This money comes from fees collected through the clerk's office. Mr. Sipkema made the motion to approve **Additional Appropriation Ordinance No. 2014-01F**. Mr. Price seconded this motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/IN LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT TRUST

FUND/PERSONAL SERVICES/PHED-CD NURSE: The state approved more money for this grant than was appropriated at budget time in the amount of \$583.00. Mr. DeVries made a motion to support **Additional Appropriation Ordinance No. 2013-01G** with Mr. Jordan seconding. Motion passed unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/COMMUNITY CORRECTION/PROJECT INCOME/OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES/PROFESSIONAL CONTRACTS AND ADDICTION

COUNSELING TREATMENT: Director Wakeland requested an additional in the amount of \$7,500.00. He failed to request this during the 2014 budget process. Mr. Price made a motion to approve **Additional Appropriation Ordinance No. 2013-01H** and Councilman Jordan seconded this motion. This motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/PARTNERS FOR DRUG FREE JASPER COUNTY/OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES/CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICE; EDUCATION AND PREVENTION; TREATMENT SERVICES; COORDINATOR SERVICES:

Attorney Robert Monfort represented The Partners for Drug Free Community budget request for 2014 in the amount of \$32,595.00 (Other Services and Charges-Treatment Services-\$7,850.00, Prevention and Education-\$7,895.00, Criminal Justice Service-\$7,850.00 and Coordinator Services-\$9,000.00). Mr. Price made a motion to approve **Additional Appropriation Ordinance No. 2014-01I** as advertised. Mr. Jordan seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND/CAPITAL OUTLAYS/MORGUE EXPANSION AND MORGUE EQUIPMENT:

The coroner had requested in his 2014 county general department budget monies to remodel part of the north annex and purchase equipment for this morgue. The council decided it would be best to appropriate this money in the CCD Fund. Mr. Price made the motion to approve **Additional Appropriation Ordinance No. 2014-01J**. Mr. Jordan seconded this motion. Motion carried unanimously to approve \$45,000.00 for the morgue expansion and \$15,000.00 for the equipment in the Cumulative Capital Development Fund.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION/ELECTED OFFICIALS TRAINING FUND/ OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES/RECORDER, AUDITOR, TREASURER, CLERK AND SURVEYOR:

Jasper County Recorder Beth Warren requested in writing additional appropriations in the amount of \$1,200.00 in each elected official's line in this fund totaling \$6,000.00. State statute requires a certain amount of educational hours for these elected officials to attend in a year and to be paid for out of this fund. Mr. Andree made the motion to approve **Additional Appropriation Ordinance No. 2014-01K**. Mr. Price seconded this motion and the motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFER/COUNTY GENERAL/DRAINAGE BOARD: Jasper County Surveyor Vince Urbano requested a transfer from the other services and charges (legal services line) in the amount of \$500.00 to the supplies (office supplies line). He realized he made an error when requesting his budget for this year in combining the amounts in these two lines and would like the council to approve this transfer request. Mr. Siphema made a motion to approve the transfer with Councilman DeVries seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFER/REASSESSMENT/ASSESSOR: Jasper County Assessor Dawn Hoffman requested a transfer from supplies (office supplies line) to other services and charges (telephone/internet/cell phone line) in the amount of \$361.00 to pay for the monthly services for her IPAD. Mr. Jordan made a motion to approve the transfer with Councilman Siphema seconding the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFER/COUNTY GENERAL/CORONER: Jasper County Coroner Andy Boersma requested the following transfers from other services and charges categories (morgue holding fee line-\$1,225.00, pathologist line-\$5,825.00, autopsy line-\$6,170.00 and attorney line-\$305.00) totaling the request at \$13,525.00. Councilman Price made the motion to approve these transfer requests with Mr. Andree seconding. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ANNUAL JAIL REPORT: Sheriff Risner handed the 2013 Annual Jail Report to the council president and the auditor. He stated there were fewer inmates in 2013 at the jail in any year since the new facility opened. The average jail stay is still twenty four days and there were no deaths in custody for 2013.

JAIL UPDATE: The sheriff gave an update on the work being done on the heating and cooling system at the jail. He met with the EMCOR group that afternoon and they are about two weeks away from turning on the stand alone system. Sheriff Risner is very pleased with this company's work and wished they had done the original installation of the heating and cooling system.

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SHERIFF'S SALARY CONTRACT: Sheriff Risner presented his salary contract for 2014. The contract is the same as the 2013 contract which is in the amount of \$81,000.00. Attorney Monfort approved the signing of this contract. Mr. Jordan made the motion to approve the contract. Mr. Sipkema seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION / INTER-FUND LOAN: Deputy Auditor Jordan explained that there is not enough money within the ambulance fund at the current time to pay the contractual amounts to Jasper County's four ambulance providers. This resolution permits a loan from the Rainy Day Fund in the sum of \$350,000.00 to the Ambulance Fund. The distribution of taxes to County Funds is planned for the estimated dates of May 10 and November 10 and the Ambulance Fund will be able to repay the loan by December 31, 2014. The tax rate for this fund has been increased for the 2013 pay 2014 but there will still be a deficit by the end of this year to cover the contract liabilities. The council and commissioners will need to decide which fund they will pay this shortage from at their work session to be held on February 11, 2014. Mr. Price made a motion to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 01-21-2014(RES)**. Mr. Andree seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

FAIR OAKS DAIRY FARM AIR SHOW: Jasper County Airport Authority Manager Brad Cozza received a call they would like to meet with him. Councilman DeVries is concerned about the expense of security and traffic the county may incur from this event. JCEDO Director Kevin Kelly stated this is a work in progress.

JASPER COUNTY TOURISM COMMISSION: Kevin Kelly updated the council on the progress of the tourism commission. They have had their first meeting for organizational purposes and are planning on attending the county joint work session on February 11, 2014. The commission will submit a budget at the council's February 18, 2014 meeting to be advertised and adopted at their March meeting.

NEW COUNTY WEBSITE: Auditor Grow asked if any of the council has visited the new website and several are very pleased with this. She asked that if any would like to have their picture and contact information to please send this via by email.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

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

Rein O. Bontreger, President

Kimberly K. Grow, Auditor of Jasper County