

## **REGULAR MEETING OF THE JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL**

**April 16, 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: Ronald G. Sipkema, 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. Sipkema called the meeting to order and those present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mr. Andree.

**MINUTES:** Mr. Stalbaum made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 19, 2013 and the minutes of the February 19, 2013 with the correction of adding his name to the committee to discuss the morgue project. Mr. Devries seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

### **THERE WERE NO REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS.**

**JASPER COUNTY SHERIFF/2<sup>ND</sup> DRUG INTERDICTION OFFICER:** Sheriff Risner spoke concerning transferring the balance of his salary line back to the County General Fund from the Public Safety Fund so there would be enough money in this fund to support the second drug interdiction officer. Council President Sipkema stated the council is willing to support whatever the commissioners decide.

**REMINGTON SEEDS CONFIRMATORY RESOLUTION FOR TAX ABATEMENT:** Attorney Donald Shelmon was in attendance to represent Remington Seeds in their abatement request. A motion was made by Mr. Price to approve the Remington Seeds, LLC. Confirmatory Tax Abatement Resolution. This motion was seconded by Mr. Jordan. Motion carried unanimously.

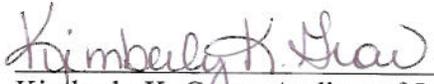
**AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD RESOLUTION:** Councilman DeVries made a motion to approve the resolution to change the Jasper County Airport Authority Board from a four member board to a five member board. Mr. Stalbaum seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**INNKEEPER'S TAX:** President Sipkema shared his concern about the council's approval of charging a five percent penalty with a ten day grace period on late payment or nonpayment of the innkeeper's tax at the last meeting. He felt the council was in error at establishing the five percent penalty with the ten day grace period. The money collected doesn't belong to the business owner. After a discussion Councilman Price rescinded his motion her made at the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and Mr. Bontreger seconded that motion. The motion carried. Attorney Monfort advised the council to make a statement in the minutes to declare the council has enacted an ordinance to collect an innkeeper's tax and has the authority to charge a late fee for nonpayment or late payment. Councilman Price made a motion to charge a ten percent penalty for late payment or nonpayment due starting the 21<sup>st</sup> day of the month. Mr. Jordan seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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

  
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Ronald G. Sipkema, President

  
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Kimberly K. Grow, Auditor of Jasper County

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