

STATE OF INDIANA)  
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COUNTY OF CLAY)

The July 1, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Clay County Council was called to order by President Larry Moss at 6:00 p.m. Council members present were Larry Moss, Jason Thomas, John Nicoson, Jackie Mitchell, Pat Heffner, Jason Britton and Dave Amerman. Auditor Patricia Foxx made a record of the proceedings, to wit:

Jason Britton led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the opening prayer by Dave Amerman.

A motion to approve the June 3, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes was made by Jackie Mitchell and seconded by Jason Britton. Motion carried 7-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Larry Moss read the following:

**COUNTY EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

Whereas, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget; now, therefore:

Sec.1. Be it ordained by the County Council of Clay County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the taxing unit the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds names and for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same:

	Requested	Aye	Nay
<b>Fund Name:</b> <u>County General</u>	\$70,943.00		
<u>Personal Services</u>	<u>\$120,943.00</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>      </u>

Presented to the Clay County Council, read in full and adopted this 1<sup>st</sup>, day of July, 2024.

AYE

NAY

Larry Moss /s/

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Jason Britton /s/

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Jason Thomas /s/

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Jackie Mitchell /s/ \_\_\_\_\_

John Nicoson /s/ \_\_\_\_\_

Pat Heffner /s/ \_\_\_\_\_

Dave Amerman /s/ \_\_\_\_\_

Members of the Clay County Council

ATTEST: Patricia A Foxx /s/ \_\_\_\_\_

Patricia A Foxx, Clay County Auditor

Emily Clarke, Prosecutor, explained with so many court cases additional Deputy Prosecutor would help out with the court cases. The new position salary for the year would be \$100,000.00 with the hourly rate of \$54.92. Emily was also wanting to increase the Deputy Prosecutor IVD salary amount to \$20,943.00 for the year. The Council approved to pay half for the remainder of the year.

Motion was made to approve salary \$50,000.00 for the new Deputy Prosecutor and \$10,471.50 Deputy Prosecutor IVD by Jason Thomas and seconded by Dave Amerman. Motion carried 7-0.

### **IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS**

There were none presented.

### **IN THE MATTER OF AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE**

#### **ORDINANCE 2024-05**

#### **AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE**

An ordinance setting compensation for certain County Employees, for the fiscal year 2024.

Be it ordained by the County Council of Clay County, Indiana as follows:

#### **COUNTY GENERAL PROSECUTOR**

Deputy Prosecutor	\$54.94 Per Hour	Exempt	0/1 FT
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#### **IVD CHILD SUPPORT**

Deputy Prosecutor	\$20,943.00 Per Year	Exempt	1/1 FT
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#### **AUDITOR**

Auditor Stipend	\$2,500.00 Per Year
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Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Presented to the Clay County Council this 1<sup>st</sup>, day of July, 2024. Approved by the following aye and nay vote.

AYE	NAY
<u>Larry Moss /s/</u>	_____
<u>Pat Heffner /s/</u>	_____
<u>Jason Britton /s/</u>	_____
<u>Jackie Mitchell /s/</u>	_____
<u>John Nicoson /s/</u>	_____
<u>Dave Amerman /s/</u>	_____
<u>Jason Britton /s/</u>	_____
Members of the Clay County Council	

ATTEST: Patricia A Foxx /s/  
Patricia A Foxx, Clay County Auditor

Emily Clarke, Prosecutor, explained with the additional caseloads the Deputy the salary would be for the Deputy Prosecutor in the Prosecutor office would be \$54.94 per hour and the Deputy Prosecutor IVD Child Support would increase to \$10,471.50.

Patti Foxx, Auditor, explained the State passed the House Bill 1328 to allowed a stipend to County Auditors.

Motion to suspend the rules was made by Jason Britton and seconded by Jason Thomas. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2024-05 as presented was made by Jackie Mitchell and seconded by John Nicoson. Motion carried 7-0.

### **IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION OF DEPUTY PROSECUTOR JOB DESCRIPTION**

Emily Clarke, Prosecutor, explained the job description for the Deputy Prosecutor will be the same as the IVD Child Support but be working in the Prosecutor's office. The Commissioners approved the job description back at the May Meeting 2024.

Motion to approve the Deputy Prosecutor Job description as presented was made by Jason Thomas and seconded by Jason Britton. Motion carried 7-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION OF COURT INTERPRETER GRANT**

Patti Foxx, Auditor, presented the Court Interpreter Grant. This is a renewal grant for the courts to used when they need a court Interpreter. The amount of the grant is for \$1,000.00

Motion to approve the Court Interpreter Grant as presented was made by John Nicoson and seconded by Jason Thomas. Motion carried 7-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION OF DRUG FREE COMMUNITY GRANT**

Debra Allen, Clay county Substance Abuse Secretary/Treasurer, presented the Drug Free Community Grant for \$35975.00. This amount is slightly higher that last year and this is no matching grant. This grant helps our local law enforcement as well as our schools.

Motion to approve the Drug Free Community Grant as presented was made by Dave Amerman and seconded by Pat Heffner. Motion carried 7-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF HAMILTON CENTER UPDATE**

Paul Sindere stated that Monica Wallace has taken a new position with Hamilton Center and has resigned her position with the Community Corrections Board. Her replacement is Brittany Meyer-Lee.

**IN MATTER OF TAX ABATEMENTS FOR 2024p2025 TAX ABATEMENTS**

Patti stated all of the tax abatements that were submitted were in compliant. Jason Thomas made a motion to approved the 2024payable2025 tax abatements and was seconded by John Nicoson. Motion carried 7-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Dave Amerman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Pat Heffner. Motion carried 7-0.

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Members of the Clay County Council

Attest:

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Patricia A Foxx, Clay County Auditor