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COUNTY OF CLAY)

The February 3, 2025 Regular meeting of the Clay County Council was called to order by President Larry Moss at 6:00 p.m. Council members present were Jackie Mitchell, Jason Britton, Jason Thomas, Rick James, Michael Heaton, Jeff Fritz, and Larry Moss. Auditor Patricia A. Foxx made a record of the proceedings, to wit:

Rick James led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the opening prayer by Jeff Fritz.

A motion to approve January 16, 2025, Special Meeting minutes was made by Jackie Mitchell and seconded by Jason Thomas. Motion carried 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Larry Moss read the following:

ADDITIONAL 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 that for the Van Buren Fire Protection District, Clay County, 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:

	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED BY FISCAL BODY
Fund Name: <u>SP FIRE GEN</u>		
Major Budget Classification:		
Other Services & Charges	\$275,000.00	<u>\$275,000.00</u>

TOTAL FOR Sp Fire Gen _____ \$275,000.00 \$275,000.00

Presented to the Clay County Council, read in full and adopted this 3rd day of February, 2025.

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Larry Moss /s/ _____

Jason Thomas /s/ _____

Michael Heaton /s/ _____

Rick James /s/ _____

Jeff Fritz /s/ _____

Jackie Mitchell /s/ _____

Jason Britton /s/ _____

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ATTEST: Patricia A Foxx /s/ _____

Patricia A Foxx, Clay County Auditor

Mary Ray, Van Buren Fire Protection Board member, presented to the Council that last month's additional was not used since another vehicle had maintenance issues; therefore, Mary is asking for \$275,000.00 to cover the expenses and for the new replacement truck.

Motion was made to approve the \$275,000.00 additional appropriation as present by Jason Britton and seconded by Jeff Fritz. Motion carried 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS

No transfers were present.

IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION OF COUNTY APPOINTMENT

Larry Moss said that last month the Council voted on one member for the Clay County Redevelopment Commission-Lance Hoffman, but the second member was on hold. The Council voted on Vickie Mace to be their second member on the Clay County Redevelopment Commission board.

Motion to approve the Clay County Redevelopment Commission appointment for Vickie Mace was made by Jason Thomas and seconded by Michael Heaton. Motion carried 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION FOR HAMILTON CENTER UPDATE

Brittany Meyer-Lee presented a one-year update report to the Council. Michael asked how the referrals are presented. The referrals are from different agencies from Clay County to the Hamilton Center to see which program will assist the individual.

The Council appreciates the update from Brittany Meyer-Lee.

IN THE MATTER OF PAYROLL ISSUES

Nichole Keller presented to the Council payroll calculations from 2023 were calculated in error which would affect 2024 and 2025 raises. Jason Thomas will get with Auditor Patti Foxx.

IN THE MATTER OF CLERK CASH CHANGE FUND

Nichole Keller, County Clerk is requesting new Clerk cash change fund to make change when a person comes in to pay fines to the office. She wants to keep the other cash change for postage separately from the fine drawer. The amount she is asking for is \$300.00.

Motion to approve a new Clerk Cash Change fund of \$300.00 was made by Jason Thomas and seconded by Michael Heaton. Motion carried 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS

Austin Sinderson, County Highway mechanic discussed that County Highway had salary rates issue too. He was looking at the minutes to see what the rates were for the highway department. Austin's understanding is that he is going to make less than what was told to him and the highway department.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Jason Thomas made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jeff Fritz. Motion carried 7-0.

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Attest:

Clay County Auditor