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COUNTY OF CLAY)

The March 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 Thomas, Rick James, Michael Heaton, Jeff Fritz, and Larry Moss. Jason Britton was not present. Auditor Patricia A. Foxx made a record of the proceedings, to wit:

Jackie Mitchell led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the opening prayer by Larry Moss.

A motion to approve February 3, 2025, Regular Meeting minutes was made by Jackie Mitchell and seconded by Jeff Fritz. Motion carried 6-0.

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>County General</u>		
Major Budget Classification:		
Personal Services	<u>\$ 2,282.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,282.00</u>
Other Services & Charges	<u>\$193,300.00</u>	<u>\$193,300.00</u>
TOTAL For <u>County General</u>	<u>\$195,582.00</u>	<u>\$195,582.00</u>

Fund Name: Safe Street Grants

Major Budget Classification

Non Appropriate Disbursement	<u>\$250,000.00</u>	<u>\$250,000.00</u>
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TOTAL For <u>Safe Street Grants</u>	<u>\$250,000.00</u>	<u>\$250,000.00</u>
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Presented to the Clay County Council, read in full and adopted this 3rd day of March, 2025.

AYE

NAY

Larry Moss /s/ _____

Jason Thomas /s/ _____

Michael Heaton /s/ _____

Rick James /s/ _____

Jeff Fritz /s/ _____

Jackie Mitchell /s/ _____

Members of the Clay County Council

ATTEST: Patricia A Foxx /s/ _____

Patricia A Foxx, Clay County Auditor

Brison Swearingen, Sheriff, this is the amount of \$2,282.00 overtime reimbursement from the DEA. He is asking to put the funds back on the overtime line item.

Motion to approve the overtime reimbursement of \$2,282.00 as presented by Jason Thomas and seconded by Mike Heaton. Motion carried 6-0.

Marty Heffner and Paul Sinderson, Commissioners turned the details to Head Jail Maintenance Tony Mills. He explained that the old heating system to be compatible with the new heating system needed to be upgraded at the cost of \$103,300.00. He also explained that there could be rebates incentives.

Motion to approve the upgrade system of \$103,300.00 as presented was made by Jeff Fritz and seconded by Rick James. Motion carried 6-0.

Paul Sinderson presented the \$65,000.00 is for West Central Housing Hub study for recommendation for the housing shortage. The Commissioners set up 10-member Steering Committee at their meeting.

Motion to approve the West Central Housing Hub study of \$65,000.00 for the housing study was made by Jeff Fritz and seconded by Jason Thomas. Jackie Mitchell abstained from voting since she is on the Steering Committee. Motion carried 5-0-1.

Paul also informed the Council that they have gone through the budget for attorney fee cost. They are asking for \$25,000.00 to cover the additional cost of attorney fees.

Motion to approve the attorney fee cost of \$25,000.00 as presented was made by Jason Thomas and seconded by Mike Heaton. Motion carried 6-0.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS

Larry Moss read the following:

Whereas, it has been shown that certain existing appropriations now have unobligated balances which will not be needed for the purposes for which appropriate and;

It is Therefore ordained by the aforesaid County Council that such unnecessary existing appropriations are now reduced and the money transferred to the necessary and proper appropriations in amount as follows:

Aye Nay

HEALTH DEPARTMENT
PUB HLTH PREP PROGRAM

From: 8133-45002-0394 (Equipment)
To: 8133-21101-0394 (Supplies) \$14,897.60 6 0

PROSECUTOR DEFERRAL FEE

From: 2506-11708-0326 (Intern) \$5,000.00 6 0
To: 2506-36003-0326 (Law Enforcement Services)

From 2506-11900-0326 (Investigator) \$5,000.00 6 0
To: 2506-36003-0326 (Law Enforcement Services)

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AYE

NAY

Larry Moss /s/

Jason Thomas /s/

Michael Heaton /s/

Rick James /s/

Jeff Fritz /s/

Jackie Mitchell /s/

Members of the Clay County Council

ATTEST: Patricia A Foxx /s/
Clay County Auditor

Christina Carrico, Health Department, per the state, wants to change the funds of \$14,897.60 from equipment to supplies.

Emily Clarke, Prosecutor, explained with the upcoming trial she needed to transfer for personal services of \$5,000.00 each from the investigator and clerical to law enforcement services.

Motion to approve the transfers as presented was made by Mike Heaton and seconded by Rick James. Motion carried 6-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION OF HARMONY INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT RESOLUTION 2025-05

Marty Heffner, Commissioner, presented the Harmony Interlocal agreement Resolution 2025-05 to the Council. This agreement will allow the county highway to remove the snow in the Harmony area. Harmony agrees to pay the County \$2,000.00. The Commissioners passed the agreement at their meeting.

Motion to approve Harmony Interlocal Agreement Resolution 2025-05 as presented was made by Rick James and seconded by Jeff Fritz. Motion carried 6-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION OF CLAY COUNTY H5N1 PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE GRANT

Christina presented Clay County H5N1 Public Health Response grant for \$46,000.00. This is new grant from CDC with no county match. The grant is from March 3, 2025 to January 16, 2026.

Motion to approve Clay County H5N1 Public Health Response grant as presented was made by Jason Thomas and seconded by Mike Heaton. Motion carried 6-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION OF AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE 2025-02

ORDINANCE 2025-02

AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE

An ordinance setting compensation for certain County Employees, for the fiscal year 2025.

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

COUNTY GENERAL

CLERK		
First Deputy	\$20.61 Per Hour	Non-Exempt FT
Clerk Deputy	\$20.07 Per Hour	Non-Exempt FT (5)
AUDITOR		
First Deputy	\$20.96 Per Hour	Non-Exempt FT
Auditor Deputy	\$20.07 Per Hour	Non-Exempt FT (3)
TREASURER		
First Deputy	\$20.39 Per Hour	Non-Exempt FT (0)
Treasurer Deputy	\$20.07 Per Hour	Non-Exempt FT (2)
RECORDER		
Recorder Deputy	\$20.07 Per Hour	Non-Exempt FT
PROSECUTOR		
Investigator	\$35.39 Per Hour	Non-Exempt FT
Administrator	\$20.07 Per Hour	Non-Exempt FT (3)
IV-D CHILD SUPPORT		
Administrator A	\$31.31 Per Hour	Non-Exempt FT (0)
Assistant Administrator A	\$24.72 Per Hour	Non-Exempt FT (2)
Assistant Administrator B	\$20.07 Per Hour	Non-Exempt FT (2)
Deputy Prosecutor IVD	\$26.99 Per Hour	Non-Exempt FT (1)
VETERANS SERVICES		
Veterans Officer	\$17.96 Per Hour	Non-Exempt FT (1)
CIRCUIT COURT		
Deputy Bailiff/Sub Court Reporter	\$20.07 Per Hour	Non-Exempt FT (1)
SUPERIOR COURT		
Deputy Bailiff/Sub Court Reporter	\$20.07 Per Hour	Non-Exempt FT (1)
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
Director	\$27.08 Per Hour	Non-Exempt FT (1)

Effective April 1st, 2025. Presented to the Clay County Council this 3rd, day of March, 2025. Approved by the following aye and nay vote.

AYE

NAY

Larry Moss /s/

Jackie Mitchell /s/

Jason Thomas /s/

Jeff Fritz /s/

Rick James /s/

Michael Heaton /s/

Members of the Clay County Council

ATTEST:

Patricia A Foxx /s/
Clay County Auditor

Jason Thomas presented the Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-02 to correct figuration of some of the county departments. Jason in working with Patti Foxx, County Auditor to get the amended salaries calculated to the corrected amounts. The amended salaries will go into effect April 1st, 2025.

Motion to suspend the rules was made by Jackie Mitchell and seconded by Rick James. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion to approve the Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-02 was made by Jeff Fritz and seconded by Michael Heaton. Motion carried 6-0.

IN THE MATTER OF OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS

Glen Neiswinger, Fire Chief of Cory Fire Department, is asking for \$7,500.00 to help in Fire Rescue Plan. This will cover cost of the training and hotel room for the instructors. There will be 40 in attendance at the cost of \$170 for the training. The Council ask Glen to present the Fire Rescue Plan at their April meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Jason Thomas made a motion to adjourn seconded by Mike Heaton. Motion carried 6-0.

Members of the Clay County Council

Attest:

Clay County Auditor