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COUNTY OF CLAY)

The April 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, Jason Britton, 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 Mike Heaton.

A motion to approve March 3, 2025, Regular Meeting minutes was made by Jackie Mitchell and seconded by Jeff Fritz. 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>County General</u>		
Major Budget Classification:		
Personal Services	\$ <u>109,789.00</u>	\$ <u>109,789.00</u>
Other Services & Charges	\$ <u>7,500.00</u>	\$ <u>7,500.00</u>
TOTAL For <u>County General</u>	\$ <u>117,289.00</u>	\$ <u>117,289.00</u>

Brison Swearingen, Sheriff, this is the amount of \$1,749.00 overtime reimbursement from the DEA. He is asking to put the funds back on the overtime line item.

Brison is also asking for \$103,900.00 additional appropriation to cover the increase in personnel. The Jail Ice Shift Supervisor of a salary of \$34,900.00 which will bring from 3 to 4 Non-exempt full-time positions. Two additional positions for the Jailers at a salary of \$34,500.00 each will bring from 35 to 37 Non-exempt full-time positions.

Patti said the additional appropriation of \$4,140.00 will cover the payroll corrections from the 2024 and the first three months of 2025.

Paul stated that the \$7,500.00 will be to use for the Fire Department Rescue Training plan.

Motion to approve the County General additional appropriations of \$117,289.00 as presented by Jason Thomas and seconded by Jason Britton. Motion carried 7-0.

Emily Clarke, Prosecutor, is asking for additional appropriation of \$8,000.00 from the Law Enforcement Services fund to cover the cost of the expert testimony for jury trials.

Motion to approve the cover cost of the expert testimony of \$8,000.00 as presented was made by Mike Heaton and seconded by Jeff Fritz. Motion carried 7-0.

Patti presented the Public Health Crisis Response Grant breakdown of \$46,000.00 to be put on the line items of the grant that the Health Department will be receiving.

Motion to approve the Public Health Crisis Response Grant of \$46,000.00 as presented was made by Jason Britton and seconded by Jason Thomas. Motion carried 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS

There were no transfers presented.

**IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION OF AMENDED SALARY
ORDINANCE 2025-03**

ORDINANCE 2025-03

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

JAIL

ICE Shift Supervisor	From 3 positions to 4 positions	Non-Exempt FT
Jailers	From 35 positions to 37 positions	Non-Exempt FT

Effective April 11th, 2025. Presented to the Clay County Council this 7th, day of April, 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/

Jason Britton /s/

Members of the Clay County Council

ATTEST:

Patricia A Foxx /s/
Clay County Auditor

Brison Swearingen, Sheriff, presented to increase the ICE Shift Supervisor from 3 to 4 positions. This will be a non-exempt full-time position. The jailer position to increase from 35 to 37 positions. This will be a non-exempt full-time position.

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

Motion to approve the Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-03 was made by Jackie Mitchell and seconded by Michael Heaton. Motion carried 7-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION OF AMENDED SALARY
ORDINANCE 2025-04**

ORDINANCE 2025-04

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:

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Public Health Crisis Response Grant

PH Emergency Prep Coordinator

\$3,000.00 year

Non-Exempt

Effective April 7th, 2025. Presented to the Clay County Council this 7th, day of April, 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/

Jason Britton /s/

Members of the Clay County Council

ATTEST:

Patricia A Foxx /s/

Clay County Auditor

Patti Foxx, Auditor, presented to the Council this is for the grant salary for the Public Health Emergency Prep Coordinator.

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

Motion to approve the Amended Salary Ordinance 2025-04 was made by Jason Britton and seconded by Michael Heaton. Motion carried 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNITY CROSSING GRANT FOR 2026

Emily Clarke, Prosecutor, presented the renewal of the Community Correction Annual Grant for 2026. The amount of the grant is \$160,000.00. The grant would be from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026.

Motion to approve the Community Crossing Grant as presented was made by Jason Thomas and seconded by Rick James. Motion carried 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION OF COMPREHENSIVE HIGHWAY INJURY REDUCTION PROGRAM (CHIRP) FOR 2026

Brison Swearingen, Sheriff, presented the renewal of the Comprehensive Highway Injury Reduction Program (CHIRP) Annual Grant for 2026. The amount of the grant is \$18,400.00. There is a County match of 25%. The grant would be from October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026.

Motion to approve the Comprehensive Highway Injury Reduction Program Grant as presented was made by Mike Heaton and seconded by Jason Britton. Motion carried 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF DUKE ENERGY FOUNDATION GRANT FOR 2026

Patti Foxx, Auditor, presented the Duke Energy Foundation grant for Rob Gambill, EMA. The amount of the grant is \$8,000.00. There is no County

match. The grant will be used to purchase equipment and pay subscription and other fees to aid in emergency communications.

Motion to approve the Duke Energy Foundation Grant as presented was made by Rick James and seconded by Mike Heaton. Motion carried 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ANNUAL TIF MANAGEMENT REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REPORT

Patti presented the annual TIF Management report that was uploaded into gateway on April 4th, 2025. The report is due by April 15, 2025.

The Council acknowledged they received a copy of the report.

IN THE MATTER OF OTHER COUNTY BUSINESS

Patrece Dayton, Thrive, introduced herself to the County Council.

Scott Hill, Information Technology, introduced Brayden Milner as the new Assistant Information Technology.

Paul Sinderson, Commissioner, let the Council know regarding cyber security insurance proposal of one million coverage would cost the county for one year is around \$15,200.00.

Patti Foxx, Auditor, discussed a Low program that would let the departments enter their own claims for internal controls. In talking to the departments, she said majority of the departments are interested in the program. Jason Thomas would like to have Patti set up a demo for the department to check out and ask questions. Sheriff department is interested in being the first department to try it out.

Rick asked about the Steering Committee for the Safe Street project. Marty explained the grant is for a one year that will conclude December 31, 2025.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

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

Members of the Clay County Council

Attest:

Clay County Auditor