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COUNTY OF CLAY)

The May 5, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Clay County Council was called to order by Vice President Jason Thomas at 6:00 p.m. Council members present were Jackie Mitchell, Jason Thomas, Rick James, Michael Heaton, Jeff Fritz, and Jason Britton. Larry Moss 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 Jason Britton.

A motion to approve April 7, 2025, Regular Meeting minutes was made by Jason Britton and seconded by Michael Heaton. Motion carried 6-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Jason Thomas 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	\$ 875.00	\$ 875.00
Other Services & Charges	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00
Capital Outlay	<u>\$186,000.00</u>	<u>\$186,000.00</u>
TOTAL For <u>County General</u>	<u>\$686,875.00</u>	<u>\$686,875.00</u>

Fund Name: Community Corrections

Major Budget Classification

Capital Outlay \$29,727.00 \$29,727.00

TOTAL For Community Corrections \$29,727.00 \$29,727.00

Fund Name: County Highway

Major Budget Classification

Other Services and Charges \$53,789.00 \$ Table

Capital Outlay \$ 1,380.00 \$ 1,380.00

TOTAL For County Highway \$55,169.00 \$ 1,380.00

Fund Name: Clerk's Perpetuation

Major Budget Classification

Other Services and Charges \$29,000.00 \$29,000.00

TOTAL For Safe Street Grants \$29,000.00 \$29,000.00

Presented to the Clay County Council, read in full and adopted this 5th day of May, 2025.

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Jason Thomas /s/ _____

Michael Heaton /s/ _____

Rick James /s/ _____

Jeff Fritz /s/ _____

Jackie Mitchell /s/ _____

Jason Britton /s/ _____

Members of the Clay County Council

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

Brison Swearingen, Sheriff, said the \$875.00 is overtime reimbursement from the DEA. He is asking to put the funds back on the overtime line item.

Brison also asked for \$500,000.00 to cover the partial amount for the medical contract. He will be asking for additional \$282,154 to complete the contract.

Bryan Allender is requesting \$186,000.00 for the chiller unit for the old part of the county justice center that was installed in January. The bids were done last year but the unit didn't come in until January.

Motion to approve the County General additional appropriations of \$686,875.00 as presented by Rick James and seconded by Jason Britton. Motion carried 6-0.

Emily Clarke, on behalf of the Community Corrections, requested \$29,727.00 for a new vehicle with a trade in. The Community Corrections Advisory Board approved the purchasing of a new vehicle on March 12, 2025.

Motion to approve the Community Corrections new vehicle of \$29,727.00 as presented was made by Michael Heaton and seconded by Jeff Fritz. Motion carried 6-0.

Paul Sinderson presented the \$53,789 for the West Central Metro/Trans Plan to support a new Rural Transit Program. The funds were to be encumbered but it was not done.

Motion to table the West Central Metro/Trans Plan of \$53,789.00 to next month was made Jason Britton and seconded by Michael Heaton. Motion carried 6-0.

Paul said that the County Highway has sold old equipment on Gov.Deal in the amount of \$1,380.00. He is asking to put funds back on the line item.

Motion to approve the funds of \$1,380.00 as presented was made by Jeff Fritz and seconded by Jackie Mitchell. Motion carried 6-0.

Nichole Keller, Clerk, explained that the older records cannot be added to the odyssey program. The new scanning software will be able to scan the older documents and will also include a media conversion.

Motion to approved new scanning software for \$29,000.00 as presented was made by Rick James and seconded by Jackie Mitchell. Motion carried 6-0.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS

No transfers.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAY COUNTY SOWING ENRICHED AND ENHANCED DATASETS (SEED) GRANT

Sheriff Brison Swearingen said NG911 proposal contract was actually a SEED grant from the State. This is a pass-through grant for \$30,000.00. He will be asking for an additional next month.

Motion to approve Sowing Enriched and Enhanced Datasets as presented was made by Jason Britton and seconded by Jeff Fritz. Motion carried 6-0.

IN THE MATTER OF OTHERS COUNTY BUSINESS

Ryan Keller, Thrive, presented the Council an update on the Housing and Ready 2.0 programs. He also gave an update on the transit program which is growing with the word of mouth.

Monica Wallace, Hamilton Center, is back as the representative for Clay County again. Brittany Lee had taken another position.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Rick James made a motion to adjourn seconded by Jeff Fritz. Motion carried 6-0.

Members of the Clay County Council

Attest:

Clay County Auditor