

The August 4, 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:

Jeff Fritz led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the opening prayer by Jason Britton.

A motion to approve July 7, 2025, Regular Meeting minutes was made by Jackie Mitchell and seconded by Rick James. 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>\$31,249.00</u>	<u>\$31,249.00</u>
TOTAL for <u>County General</u>	<u>\$31,249.00</u>	<u>\$31,249.00</u>
Fund Name: <u>Firearms Training</u>		
Major Budget Classification		
Non Appropriate	<u>\$16,000.00</u>	<u>\$16,000.00</u>
TOTAL for <u>Firearms Training</u>	<u>\$16,000.00</u>	<u>\$16,000.00</u>

Presented to the Clay County Council, read in full and adopted this 4th day of August, 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/ _____

Members of the Clay County Council

ATTEST: Patricia A Foxx /s/ _____

Patricia A Foxx, Clay County Auditor

Brison Swearingen, Sheriff said the \$1,249.00 is May overtime reimbursement from the DEA. He is asking to put the funds back on the overtime line item.

Brison Swearingen, Sheriff, requested an additional of \$30,000.00 to cover the rest of the year for the overtime in the jail department.

Sheriff Swearingen requested an additional appropriation of \$16,000.00 for additional firearms training.

A motion to approve the Sheriff's additional appropriation of \$47,249.00 as presented was made by Michael Heaton and seconded by Jason Thomas. Motion carried 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS

No transfers.

IN THE MATTER OF UPDATE ON THE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT

Jordan Forquer, Community Corrections Executive Director, received news from the State that they were not increasing the funds for 2026. The amount will be the same as 2025 at \$137,025.00. This is from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026. This is less than \$160,000.00 that was requested at the Council meeting on April 7th, 2025.

A motion to approve the Community Corrections revised grant as presented was made by Jeff Fritz and seconded by Michael Heaton. Motion carried 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNUAL PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS GRANT

Patti Foxx, Auditor, presented the Public Health Preparedness grant. This will run July 1st, 2025 to June 30, 2026. The grant amount is for \$20,000.00.

Motion to approve Public Health Preparedness Grant as presented was made by Rick James and seconded by Jason Britton. Motion carried 7-0.

IN MATTER OF TAX ABATEMENTS FOR 2025 PAYABLE 2026

Patti stated all of the tax abatements that were submitted were in compliant except two businesses had issues of hiring new employees. Larry explained the businesses still had exceeded retaining their current employees. Jason Thomas made a motion to approved the 2025 payable 2026 tax abatements and was seconded by Jackie Mitchell. Motion carried 7-0.

IN MATTER OF WIC GRANT RENEWAL

Rachael Dickerson, WIC Coordinator, presented WIC grant renewal for October 1, 2025 thru September 30, 2026. This year the grant request is for \$209,480.00. The NSA amount is \$192,023.92 and PC is \$17,456.08. The

dollar amount is based on last year's data and the number of people that are eligible for WIC. There is no County match.

Motion to approve the WIC grant as presented was made by Rick James and seconded by Jason Britton. Motion carried 7-0.

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW OF NON-BINDING BUDGETS

The Council has no recommendations for the Non-Binding Budgets.

Motion to approve the above statement was made by Jackie Mitchell and seconded by Jason Thomas.

IN THE MATTER OF PRESENTATION FOR THE GRAIN BIN RESCUE TRAINING

Glen Neiswinger, Department Chief, said the turn out for the Grain Bin Rescue training was successful. There were 27 participants from the different Fire Departments in the county. Glen and the Firefighters appreciated the funds which were provided for the training.

IN THE MATTER OF OTHERS COUNTY BUSINESS

Monica Wallace, Hamilton Center introduced Nathan Marshall who will be the program manager in our area.

Patti Foxx let the Council know that CNAV was due August 1st but with all the State changes to property deductions that deadline was not met. The State and the Counties are working together to get the CNAV updated.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

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

Members of the Clay County Council

Attest:

Clay County Auditor