

The September 2, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Clay County Council was called to order by President Larry Moss at 4:00 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 Jeff Fritz.

A motion to approve August 4, 2025, Regular Meeting minutes was made by Michael Heaton and seconded by Jason Britton. 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
<b>Fund Name: <u>County General</u></b>		
Major Budget Classification:		
Personal Services	\$ 6,889.00	\$ 6,889.00
Other Services & Charges	<u>\$23,276.00</u>	<u>\$23,276.00</u>
<b>TOTAL for <u>County General</u></b>	<u>\$30,165.00</u>	<u>\$30,165.00</u>
<b>Fund Name: <u>Firearms Training</u></b>		
Major Budget Classification		
Non Appropriate	<u>\$50,000.00</u>	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL for <u>Firearms Training</u></b>	<u>\$50,000.00</u>	<u>\$50,000.00</u>

**Fund Name: County Misdemeanant**

Major Budget Classification

Vehicle \$38,000.00 \$38,000.00

**TOTAL for County Misdemeanant** \$38,000.00 \$38000.00

Presented to the Clay County Council, read in full and adopted this 2nd day of September, 2025.

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Larry Moss /s/ \_\_\_\_\_

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Jason Thomas /s/ \_\_\_\_\_

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Michael Heaton /s/ \_\_\_\_\_

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Rick James /s/ \_\_\_\_\_

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Jeff Fritz /s/ \_\_\_\_\_

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Jackie Mitchell /s/ \_\_\_\_\_

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Jason Britton /s/ \_\_\_\_\_

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Members of the Clay County Council

ATTEST: Patricia A Foxx /s/ \_\_\_\_\_

Patricia A Foxx, Clay County Auditor

Brison Swearingen, Sheriff said the \$999.00 is June overtime reimbursement from the DEA. He is asking to put the funds back on the overtime line item.

Ean Blakley, Assessor, is asking for additional appropriation of \$5,890.00 to cover the payout for the former Assessor who retired.

Bryan Allender, Commissioner, said the additional appropriation of \$23,276.00 would cover the balance needed to repair the elevator that was damaged by lighting.

Sheriff Swearingen requested an additional appropriation of \$50,000.00 to replace firearms for the law enforcement staff and jail staff due to issues with current model.

Brison Swearingen, Sheriff is requesting \$38,000.00 from the Misdemeanant fund that is shared with Community Corrections to purchase a vehicle from this fund.

A motion to approve the County General additional of \$30,165.00; Firearms Training additional \$50,000.00 and County Misdemeanant \$38,000.00 for a total additional appropriation of \$ 118,165.00 as presented was made by Rick James and seconded by Jeff Fritz. Motion carried 7-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS**

Larry Moss read the following:

TRANSFER

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

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

		Aye	Nay
<b><u>County General</u></b>			
CLERK			
From: 1000-11400-0001 (Clerical)			
To: 1000-21100-0001 (Supplies)	\$879.93	<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>
Major Budget Classification:			

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Larry Moss /s/ \_\_\_\_\_

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Jason Thomas /s/ \_\_\_\_\_

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Michael Heaton /s/ \_\_\_\_\_

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Rick James /s/ \_\_\_\_\_

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Jeff Fritz /s/ \_\_\_\_\_

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Jackie Mitchell /s/

Jason Britton /s/

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ATTEST: Patricia A Foxx /s/

Patricia A Foxx, Clay County Auditor

Nichole Keller, Clerk, is asking for transfers from personal services to supplies account. She had to order checks for one of the bank accounts which will drain her supplies account.

A motion to approve the transfer as presented was made by Jackie Mitchell and seconded by Michael Heaton. Motion carried 7-0.

### **IN THE MATTER OF PRESENTATION BY JUDGE THOMAS CIRCUIT COURT**

Judge Thomas, Circuit Court, presented Title 4-E to the Council. Judge Thomas would like permission to proceed with the paperwork which in turn received reimbursement back into the County for the Chin cases that are held in his court.

A motion to give permission to Judge Thomas to proceed was made by Jason Thomas and seconded by Michael Heaton. Motion carried 7-0.

### **IN THE MATTER OF CONSIDERATION OF EMA STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM (SHSP) #1 AND #2**

Patti Foxx, Auditor, filled in for Rob Gambill, EMA director who was sick. The 2 grants are for different projects that happen to be for the same amount of \$150,000.00 each. The first one is for a new VOIP phone system, and the second one is for new radios.

A motion to approve both grants as presented was made by Jeff Fritz and seconded by Jason Britton. Motion carried 7-0.

### **IN THE MATTER OF AMENDED SALARY ORDINANCE 2025-10 HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNUAL PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS GRANT**

Patti Foxx, Auditor, explained the Public Health Preparedness grant will be used for salary which requires a salary ordinance. This will be for the Preparedness Coordinator position.

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

Motion to approve Salary Ordinance 2025-10 as presented was made by Jason Britton and seconded by Rick James. Motion carried 7-0.

**IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Bryan Allender, Commissioner, talked about the building on the south side of the Sheriff’s building for storage for equipment and other items.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT**

Budget hearing was in recess while the business part was adjourned by Jason Thomas and seconded by Jackie Mitchell. Motion carried 7-0.

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Members of the Clay County Council

Attest:

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Clay County Auditor