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COUNTY OF CLAY)

MAY 4 2026

The May 4, 2026 Regular meeting of the Clay County Council was called to order by President Larry Moss at 6:00 p.m. Council members present were Larry Moss, Jason Thomas, Rick James, Jeff Fritz, Michael Heaton, and Jason Britton. Jackie Mitchell was not present. Auditor Patricia A. Foxx made a record of the proceedings, to wit:

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

A motion to approve the April 6, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes was made by Jason Britton and seconded by Jason Thomas. Motion carried 6-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Larry Moss read the following:

COUNTY EMERGENCY 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 of Clay County, Indiana, that for the expenses of the taxing unit 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	\$ 36,340.00	\$ 36,340.00
Other Services & Charges	<u>\$500,000.00</u>	<u>\$500,000.00</u>
Total For <u>County General</u>	\$75,214.00	\$75,214.00

Fund Name: PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Major Budget Classification:		
Personal Services	<u>\$ 2,100.00</u>	<u>\$2,100.00</u>
Total For <u>Local Public Health Services</u>	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00

Fund Name: COUNTY MISDEMEANANT FUND

Major Budget Classification:

Other Services & Charges	\$ 3,200.00	\$3,200.00
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Total For <u>County Misdemeanant Fund</u>	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00
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Fund Name: PROSECUTORS FORFEITURE

Major Budget Classification:

Other Services & Charges	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
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Total For <u>Prosecutors Forfeiture</u>	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
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Fund Name: COUNTY IMPROVEMENTS CLEAN UP

Major Budget Classification:

Other Services & Charges	\$ 68,314.00	\$ 68,314.00
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Non Appropriate	\$ 1,686.00	\$ 1,686.00
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Total For <u>County Improvements Clean Up</u>	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
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Presented to the Clay County Council, read in full and adopted this 4th day of May, 2026.

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Larry Moss /

Jason Thomas /s/

Michael Heaton /s/

Rick James /s/

Jeff Fritz /s/

Jason Britton /s/

Members of the Clay County Council

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

Sheriff Swearingen stated the amount of \$2,119.00 was for February overtime reimbursement from the DEA. He is asking to put the funds back on the overtime line item.

Marty Heffner, Commissioner explained the \$34,221.00 will be for a full time Maintenance Custodian employee.

Marty Heffner explained to support the Revolving Loan Program for Clay County through the partners of Thrive West Central of \$500,000.00 was needed for the loan program.

Patti Foxx, Auditor, for Kim Shidler, Health Department Administrator, asking for additional appropriation of \$2,100.00 to cover the additional meetings that will be held this year.

Patti Foxx, Auditor, for Jordan Forquer, Executive Director, the additional appropriation will be coming from the Misdemeanant Fund of \$3,200.00 to cover the purchase of Kiosk machine and supplies for it. The Community Corrections Advisory Board has approved the purchase of the Kiosk machine and supplies for it.

Emily Clarke, Prosecutor, is using the Prosecutors' forfeiture funds to cover the pole camera for \$13,000.00 and \$12,000.00 for equipment's for the Sheriff vehicles.

Marty Heffner, Commissioner explained the \$8,000.00 out of the \$70,000.00 to be used for the Soil and Water Tire Program that was not going to be funded this year from the grant. The balance will be used for any other clean-up that the Commissioner's will have for the upcoming year.

A motion was made to approve all the additional appropriations for a total of \$636,640.00 as presented was made by Michael Heaton and seconded by Jeff Fritz. Motion carried 6-0.

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS

There were no transfers presented.

IN THE MATTER OF 2026 SUSTAINABILITY PLAN PRESENTATION FROM BAKER TILLY

Susan Cowen, Senior Manager at Baker Tilly presented the 2026 Sustainability Plan. She also discussed navigating Indiana’s new Municipal Unit Strategic Taskforce (MUST) process.

Larry Moss, Council President, thank Susan Cowen from Baker Tilly for the presentation.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

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

Members of the Clay County Council

Attest:

Clay County Auditor