

MAY 14, 2025

The Jay County Council met in session on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 6:00 PM, in the auditorium at the Jay County Courthouse. Attending was Faron Parr, Randy May, Michael Brewster, Bryan Alexander, Cindy Bracy, Harold Towell, auditor Emily Franks, and Matt Minnich, president presiding. Absent was attorney Wes Schemenaur. Bryan Alexander made a motion to approve the minutes from April 9, 2025. Michael Brewster seconded the motion and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

ADDITIONALS

COUNTY GENERAL

1000-007-40-0014	Coroner - Vehicles	\$47,000.00
Brayden Fields, coroner, requested money for a new vehicle as the current one has experienced several issues with the truck bed. They would also like emergency lights installed on the new vehicle. He would prefer the new vehicle be a SUV to eliminate the current water issues with the truck bed. Faron Parr made a motion to approve the additional appropriation as presented. Michael Brewster seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.		

1000-232-20-0048	Circuit Court – Other Operating Supplies	\$2,200.00
1000-232-40-0011	Circuit Court – Office Equipment	\$3,000.00
Brian Hutchison, Judge, came to the council to discuss an upgrade on desktop scanners, copier/scanner/fax, and FTR recording server. The current system is obsolete and an upgrade is now required for the Windows system. Bryan Alexander made a motion to approve the two additional appropriations from circuit court. Faron Parr seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.		

LIT-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1112-001-40-0032	Bridge Repair (Culvert)	\$175,000.00
The additional appropriation was presented for replacement of bridge #113. The commissioners will be using \$100,000 from the Cum Cap Dev. Fund in addition to EDIT to help the department with the repair. Faron Parr made a motion to approve the additional appropriation as presented from LIT_ Economic Development. Bryan Alexander seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.		

PROSECUTOR PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION

1182-001-10-0017	Social Security	\$309.65
1182-001-10-0016	Wages	\$4,994.40
1182-001-10-0017	FICA/Med	\$72.42

Zec Landers, chief deputy, came to the council to request they be able to use their pre-trial diversion fund to hire a law student as a summer intern. They are looking to hire Ashlyn Dow, who is a Jay County graduate, for the position. This would require an amendment to the Salary Ordinance 2025-08 to pay her as a COMOT B. Michael Brewster made a motion to approve the additional appropriation and Salary Ordinance 2025-08. Faron Parr seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote with Cindy Bracy abstaining from the vote.

SURVEYOR CORNERSTONE PERPETUATION

1202-001-30-0146	Location of Cornerstones	\$2,000.00
Brad Daniels, surveyor, asked for an additional appropriation to pay for location of cornerstones. Faron Parr made a motion to approve the additional appropriation from surveyor cornerstone perpetuation. Cindy Bracy seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.		

INFRASTRUCTURE

4908-001-30-0215	Jay County Fairgrounds	\$15,000.00
Duane Monroe, commissioner, requested a \$15,000 additional appropriation for electrical and plumbing work at the Jay County Fairgrounds. Bryan Alexander spoke in favor of paying for the infrastructure work as the land is owned by the county, then made a motion to approve the additional appropriation out of infrastructure. Michael Brewster seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.		

ARP-2021 CLFRF

8950-001-30-0148	Professional Services – Ritter Strategic	\$8,100.00
An additional appropriation was presented for the latest invoice from Ritter Strategic Services related to the Countywide radio project. Cindy Bracy made a motion to approve the additional appropriation as presented. Michael Brewster seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.		

8950-001-30-0148	Professional Services – REA	\$2,059.73
An additional appropriation was presented for the latest invoice from Rundell, Ernsterberger, & Associates (REA) related to the 68-acre project. Bryan Alexander made a motion to approve the additional appropriation as presented. Faron Parr seconded the motion and the motion passed by majority vote with Harold Towell and Cindy Bracy voting against the motion.		

Transfers:

County General- Courthouse (wages- part time custodian) 1000-172-10-0063 to (wages-Overtime) 1000-172-10-0039 \$3,000
Faron Parr made a motion to approve the transfer from the courthouse. Michael Brewster seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Ordinance 2025-09- Law Enforcement Recording Fees

Larry “Ray” Newton, sheriff, came to the council for approval of an ordinance to increase copying fees for recordings from the current \$5 a disc to not exceed \$150. Michael Brewster made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-09. Faron Parr seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEES FOR COPYING LAW ENFORCEMENT RECORDINGS

WHEREAS, the Jay County Council is the fiscal body of Jay County, Indiana;
WHEREAS, the Jay County Sheriff’s Office (JCSO) maintains law enforcement recordings as defined by IC 5-14-3-2;
WHEREAS, pursuant to IC 5-14-3, et seq., the JCSO is requested, from time to time, to furnish copies of such recordings pursuant to valid requests;
WHEREAS, IC 5-14-3-8(g) permits a public agency that owns such recordings may charge a fee, uniform to all purchasers, for providing a duplicate of a validly requested law enforcement recording; and,
WHEREAS, IC 5-14-3-8(l) permits a public agency to retain such a fee to be used without appropriation for (A) the purchase of cameras and other equipment for use in connection with the agency’s law enforcement recording program, (B) training concerning law enforcement recording, or (C) to defray the expenses of storing, producing, and copying law enforcement recordings.

