

OCTOBER 22nd, 2025

The Jay County Council met in session on Wednesday, October 22nd, 2025, at 5:00 PM, in the auditorium at the Jay County Courthouse. Attending was Faron Parr, Randy May, Bryan Alexander, Harold Towell, attorney Wes Schemenaur, auditor 2nd deputy Beverly Myers, and Matt Minnich, president presiding. Absent was council members Cindy Bracy and Michael Brewster

2026 JAY COUNTY SOLID WASTE BUDGET ADOPTION

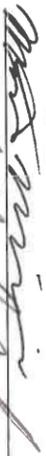
Beverly Myers read aloud the 2026 budget to those in attendance for a total of \$295,373. The meeting was opened for public comment, with no comment. Faron Parr made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Harold Towell seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

With no further business for the council, Bryan Alexander made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Randy May seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

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ATTEST: 
JAY COUNTY AUDITOR

NOVEMBER 12th, 2025

The Jay County Council met in session on Wednesday, November 12th, 2025, at 6:00 PM, in the auditorium at the Jay County Courthouse. Attending was Randy May, Michael Brewster, Bryan Alexander, Harold Towell, Cindy Bracy, auditor Emily Franks, and Matt Minnich, president presiding. Absent county attorney Wes Schemenaur, and council member Faron Parr. Mike Brewster made a motion to approve the minutes from October 8th and October 22, 2025 meeting. Bryan Alexander seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

ADDITIONALS

COUNTY GENERAL

1000.31900.00000.0161 Courthouse- Maintenance Supervisor \$5,200.00
The additional appropriation was presented to cover the payout of a retired employee. Michael Brewster made a motion to approve the additional appropriations as presented. Bryan Alexander seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

1000.38300.00000.0161 Courthouse-- Repair Furniture & Equipment \$40,000.00
The additional appropriation was presented to cover work needed in the courthouse from Allied Mechanical for heating & cooling and NU Flow of Indy for work on sewer pipe on the south side of the building. Bryan Alexander made a motion to approve the additional appropriation as presented. Michael Brewster seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

1000.14502.00000.0622 Retirement Center- Incentive Pay \$82,000.00
The additional appropriation was presented to cover the incentive pay for employees of the county home, upon closing of the facility. Cindy Bracy made a motion to approve the additional appropriation as presented. Bryan Alexander seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

RETIREMENT CENTER DONATIONS

4102.31102.00000.0000 Resident Activities \$4,894.87
The additional appropriation was presented for the remaining monies available in the Retirement Center Donation fund. Bryan Alexander made a motion to approve the additional appropriation as presented. Michael Brewster seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

BACKHOE REPAIR & REPLACEMENT

4903.31601.00000.0000 Surveyor Equipment Repair \$1,361.73
4903.47700.00000.0000 Excavator \$1,000.00
Brad Daniels, surveyor, explained the two additional appropriations. The first was to repair the old excavator before it could be traded and the \$361.73 was for closing costs on the new excavator. Bryan Alexander made a motion to approve the two additional appropriations for Backhoe Repair & Replacement as presented. Michael Brewster seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

INFRASTRUCTURE

4908.31450.00000.0000 Courthouse Project \$7,500.00
The additional appropriation for the courthouse project was related to sealing the exterior steps on the courthouse. Michael Brewster made a motion to approve the additional appropriations in the infrastructure fund. Bryan Alexander seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

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\$7,050.00

8950.31480.00000.0000 Professional Services- Ritter Strategic \$7,050.00
The additional appropriation was presented for payment to Ritter Strategic services for invoice #202304 for work on the countywide radio project. Bryan Alexander made a motion to approve the additional appropriation as presented. Cindy Bracy seconded the motion and the motion passed by majority vote, with Harold Towell and Randy May voting against the motion.

JAY COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

8210-3008-92 Land Expense \$49,560.00
The additional appropriation was presented for expenses related to the new solid waste building. Bryan Alexander made a motion to approve the additional appropriation as presented. Harold Towell seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Transfers:

1000.11300.00000.0002 County General- Auditor- Wages- Second Deputy to 1000-14500.00000.0002 Wages- Auditor \$181.52. The transfer was needed to cover the difference per pay amount from 2024 to 2025. Cindy Bracy made a motion to approve the transfer of funds as presented. Bryan Alexander seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

1000.21100.00000.0007 County General- Coroner-Office Supplies to 1000-12500.00000.0007 Wage-Deputies for \$600. Bryan Alexander made a motion to approve the transfer of funds as presented. Randy May seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

1000.13900.00000.0201 County General Superior Court Overtime to 1000.16400.0000-0201 Wages-Translator for \$1,000. Cindy Bracy made a motion to approve the transfer of funds as presented. Bryan Alexander seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

1000.18300.00000.0622 County General- Retirement Center Wages Housekeeper Supervisor to 1000.11602.00000.0622 Wages- Part Time for \$19,000. Cindy Bracy made a motion to approve the transfer of funds as presented. Bryan Alexander seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

1176.13900.00000.0531 MVH Highway- Wages Overtime to 1176.12401.00000.0531 Wages- Part Time Laborers for \$15,000. Michael Brewster made a motion to approve the transfer of funds as presented. Cindy Bracy seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

9116.11700.00000.0000 Community Corrections 2025 Grant- Employer Social Security to 9116.12700.00000.0000. Wages- Deputy Director for \$126.20

9116.11800.00000.0000 Community Corrections 2025 Grant- Employer PERF to 9116.14806.00000.0000. Wages- Director for \$843.00

9116.11700.00000.0000 Community Corrections 2025 Grant- Employer SS to 9116.14806.00000.0000. Wages- Director for \$645.00
Bryan Alexander made a motion to approve the three transfer of funds as presented. Michael Brewster seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

JAY COUNTY LIBRARY APPOINTMENT

The Jay County Library board requested council members consider reappointing Carolyn Journey to another 4-year term. Bryan Alexander made a motion to appoint Carolyn Journey to another term on the Jay County Library Board. Cindy Bracy seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 2025-14

A 2025 salary ordinance amendment was presented to approve bonus pay for retirement center employees upon the closing of the facility. The bonuses were based on the average hours worked for pay dates June- August. Employees that qualify will receive bonuses equivalent of 4 months' pay if the facility closes before the end of 2025 or 2 months if closed after the first of the year. Bryan Alexander made a motion to approve the salary ordinance amendment as presented. Cindy Bracy seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION DRAFT CAPITAL PLAN/PRIORITIZATION

A draft capital plan list of projects and amounts for the Jay County Redevelopment Commission was presented to council for input. Emily Franks, auditor, explained the commissioners had previously prioritized their top five projects for the commission, if the council would like to do the same. Cindy Bracy explained her top three projects were radios, public safety building and an update to the highway garage. No other input was given by council members.

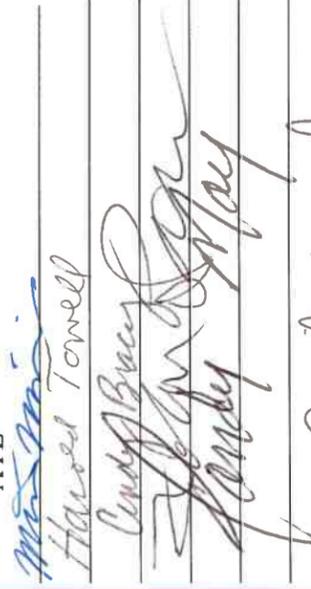
2026 SALARY ORDINANCE 2025-15

The 2026 salary ordinance was presented for council approval. Emily Franks, auditor, asked council to set a standard regarding pay for 1st deputies of elected officials. The difference was noted by Waggoner, Irwin and Scheele, in their Wage Analysis. It would require 1st deputies to either be compensated at 75% of the elected officials base pay or all pay including stipends. There are currently 3 deputies compensated at the base pay and one at total compensation. Bryan Alexander made a motion to approve the salary ordinance as presented with freezing the surveyor 1st deputy at 75% of the base salary. Michael Brewster seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

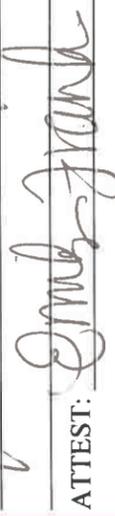
With no further business for the council, Bryan Alexander made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Michael Brewster seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

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Harold Towell
Cindy Bracy
Randy May

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ATTEST: 
MICHAEL BREWSTER
JAY COUNTY AUDITOR