



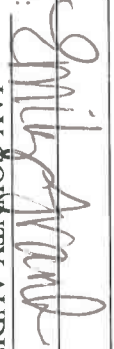


JAY COUNTY COUNCIL

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 JAY COUNTY AUDITOR

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**MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

The Jay County Council and Commissioners met in joint session on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 5:30 PM, in the auditorium at the Jay County Courthouse. Attending was Randy May, Bryan Alexander, Harold Towell, Faron Parr from the council, Chad Aker, Duane Monroe, and Doug Horn representing the commissioners, auditor Emily Franks, county attorney Wes Schemenaur. Absent council members Cindy Bracy, Michael Brewster. They met in joint session to discuss ARPA obligations related to the 68 Acres.

**ARPA OBLIGATIONS**

Duane Monroe explained he would like to move forward with option #4 provided by Baker Tilly, entering a replacement contract/subaward post-12/31/24 obligation deadline. This would see the money be spent directly on Motorola for the public safety radios. Mr. Alexander agreed, adding if they needed to pay the money back, they could sell the ground. Mr. Aker recommended the money still be used towards the 68 Acre project as originally obligated. He voiced his support for a project that could generate revenue in the future such as housing. Mr. Alexander expressed concerns with spending the ARPA monies before the end of the year deadline. Mr. Horn explained he was in favor of option #4 as the county would already be spending money on the project. While he was in favor of the 68 acres, not enough partners came forward to get momentum on the project. Harold Towell, Randy May and Faron Parr stated they had no opinions to add. When asked about the matter, Wes Schemenaur explained the county had tried to get opinions from federal and state officials along with Baker Tilly. He could offer no additional guidance on the matter, explaining it was the council and commissioners' decision. Matt Minnich arrived at the meeting around 5:50 p.m. and voiced his support for option#4.

Doug Horn made a motion to go with option#4 as provided by Baker Tilly to go towards the purchase of the public safety system with the remaining \$1,271,491.37 from the 68-acre project with the Jay County Redevelopment and the remaining \$106,378 remaining with the REA contract for the 68-acre project. Duane Monroe seconded the motion and the motion passed by majority vote with Chad Aker voting against the motion. Doug Horn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m. Chad Aker seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

The Jay County Council met in session on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 6:00 PM, in the auditorium at the Jay County Courthouse. Attending was Randy May, Bryan Alexander, Harold Towell, Faron Parr, auditor Emily Franks, county attorney Wes Schemenaur and Matt Minnich, president presiding. Absent Cindy Bracy and Michael Brewster. Bryan Alexander made a motion to approve the minutes from February 11th, 2026, meeting. Faron Parr seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**ADDITIONALS**

- LIT- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
  - 1112.31360.00000 JCDC Services- Launch Jay \$16,000.00
- SURVEYOR PERPETUATION FUND
  - 1202.31460.00000 Location of Cornerstones \$14,300.00
- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DONATIONS
  - 4105.34600.00000 Misc. Expenses \$17.27
- BACKHOE REPAIR & REPLACEMENT
  - 4903.31601.00000 Surveyor Equipment Repair \$7,500.00
- ARP-2021 CLFRF
  - 8950.31480.00000 Professional Services- Ritter \$8,200.00

Total \$46,017.27

Bryan Alexander made a motion to approve all additional appropriations as presented. Faron Parr seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Transfers:**

9116.11700.00000 2025 Community Corrections (Employer Social Security) to 9116.11800.00000.0000 (Employer PERF) \$86.73  
Faron Parr made a motion to approve the transfer of funds as presented. Bryan Alexander seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**1<sup>ST</sup> DEPUTY WAGE SURVEYOR**

Brad Daniels, surveyor, could not make it to the meeting. Bryan Alexander made a motion to table the matter until next meeting to review information and for Mr. Daniels to be present. Harold Towell seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**ANNUAL JAIL REPORT**

Larry "Ray" Newton, sheriff, came to the council to present and review his annual jail report to the council. He wanted to note the jail study showed a need for six more correctional officers. A request for three more employees was denied for the 2026 budget. Mr. Newton discussed options moving forward to create more revenue including housing federal inmates. He would also like to see DOC reimbursement monies be set aside in a fund for jail repairs. State Board of Accounts had previously denied the ordinance. The council asked Mr. Schemenaur to investigate the possibility of an ordinance as cited by the Sheriff's Association.

**REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT**

Emily Franks, auditor, presented the council with the TIF Management- Jay County Redevelopment Commission 2025 report, per statute. The report was reviewed with no questions.

**ARPA OBLIGATIONS**

Bryan Alexander made a motion to go with option#4 as provided by Baker Tilly to go towards the purchase of the public safety system with the remaining \$1,271,491.37 from the 68-acre project with the Jay County Redevelopment and the remaining \$106,378 remaining with the REA contract for the 68-acre project. Randy May 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; Faron Parr seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

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**April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

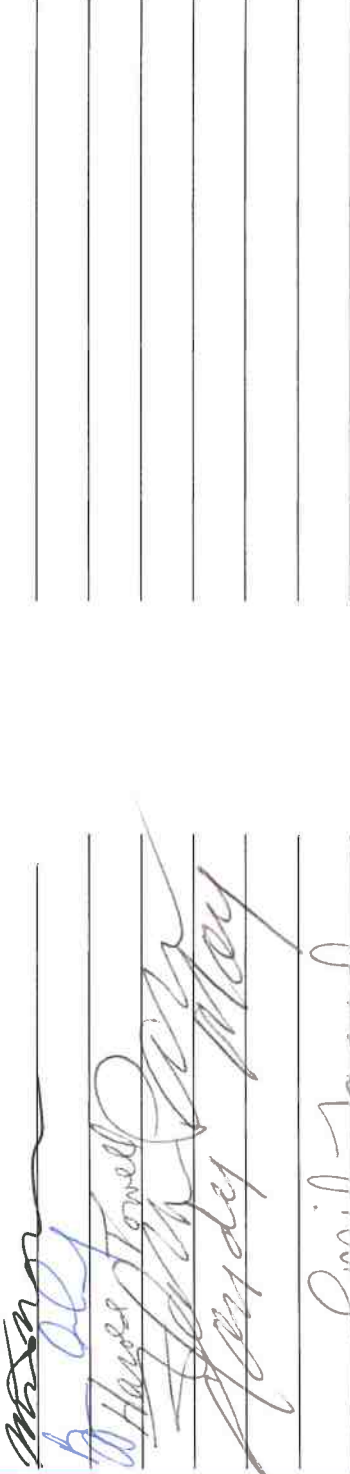
The Jay County Commissioners and Council met in joint executive session on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the courthouse auditorium. Attending was Doug Horn, Chad Aker, auditor Emily Franks, attorney Wes Schemenaur, and Duane Monroe, president. Also, council members: Cindy Bracy, Bryan Alexander, Faron Parr, Harold Towell and Matt Minnich, president. They met in executive session to discuss a real property transaction per IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D)(vi).

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

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