




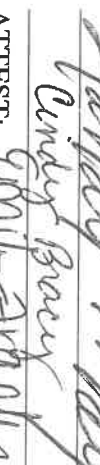



  
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JAY COUNTY AUDITOR

**NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Jay County Council and Commissioners met in joint executive session on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 5:15 PM, in the auditorium at the Jay County Courthouse. Attending from the council was Harold Towell, Cindy Bracy, Matt Minnich, Randy May, Faron Parr, Dave Haines, attorney Wes Schemenaur, auditor Emily Franks, and Jeanne Houchins, presiding. Attending from the commissioners was Brian McGalliard and Rex Journey with Chad Aker, presiding. The purpose of the joint session was for interviews and negotiations with industrial or commercial prospects or agents of industrial or commercial prospects by: IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(4).

**JAY COUNTY COUNCIL**

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JAY COUNTY AUDITOR

**NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

The Jay County Council met in session on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6:00 PM, in the auditorium at the Jay County Courthouse. Attending from the council was Harold Towell, Cindy Bracy, Matt Minnich, Randy May, Faron Parr, Dave Haines, attorney Wes Schemenaur, auditor Emily Franks, and Jeanne Houchins, presiding. Faron Parr made a motion to approve the minutes from October 11<sup>th</sup> and October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Matt Minnich seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Additional Appropriations:**

**COUNTY GENERAL**  
1000-232-30-0021 Circuit Court- Postage **\$1,452.00**  
Dave Haines made a motion to approve the county general additional appropriation for Circuit Court- Postage. Faron Parr seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**SURVEYOR CORNERSTONE PERPETUATION**  
1202-001-30-0146 Location of Cornerstones **\$7,500.00**  
Faron Parr made a motion to approve the additional from Surveyor Cornerstone Perpetuation. Cindy Bracy seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**SHERIFF DONATIONS**  
4103-001-40-0026 Firearms **\$2,832.39**  
Faron Parr made a motion to approve the additional appropriations for the Sheriff Donations Fund. Dave Haines seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**ECONOMIC DEV. WINDFARM**  
4500-001-30-0234 Jay County Baseball Club **\$220,000.00**  
Dave Haines made a motion to approve the additional appropriations from the Economic Dev Windfarm. Randy May seconded the motion and the motion passed by majority vote with Dave Haines, Randy May, Harold Towell, and Faron Parr voting for the motion. Cindy Bracy and Matt Minnich opposed the motion.

**BACKHOE REPAIR & REPLACEMENT**  
4903-001-20-0055 Backhoe Parts & Service **\$2,000.00**  
4903-001-40-0077 Excavator **\$50,000.00**  
Faron Parr made a motion to approve the additional appropriations for the Backhoe Repair & Replacement Fund. Dave Haines seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**TITLE IV-E REIMBURSEMENT**  
8891-001-30-0087 Pauper Counsel **\$1,580.00**  
Cindy Bracy made a motion to approve the additional appropriation from Title IV-E fund. Dave Haines seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**COMMUNITY CROSSINGS 2023**  
9114-001-40-0027 Paving **\$42,562.50**  
Matt Minnich made a motion to approve the additional appropriation from Community Crossings 2023. Randy May seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**JAY COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT**

3008-95	IDEM grant	\$66,500.26
4003-07	Other Equipment	\$8,900.00

Matt Minnich made a motion to approve the additional appropriation from Title IV-E fund. Harold Towell seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**TRANSFERS**  
**County General**

1000-001-20-0073 Clerk (Microfilm) to 1000-001-30-0013 (Computer Main) \$1,500  
1000-001-20-0011 Clerk (Office Supplies) to 1000-001-30-0013 Clerk (Computer Main) \$418.46  
1000-001-20-0012 Clerk (Office Records) to 1000-001-30-0013 Clerk (Computer Main) \$1,492.35  
Cindy Bracy made a motion to approve the transfers from county general- clerk. Matt Minnich seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

1000-004-30-0016 Recorder (Equipment Repair) to 1000-004-10-0012 Recorder (Wages- 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy) \$1,129.08  
Cindy Bracy made a motion to approve the transfers from county general-recorder. Matt Minnich seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

1000-006-20-0022 County General-Surveyor (Gas, Lube, Oil) to 1000- 006-30-0014 (Copier Maintenance) \$900  
Cindy Bracy made a motion to approve the transfers from county general- surveyor. Matt Minnich seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

1000-059-30-0021 County General-Building & Planning (Postage) to 1000-059-10-0049 (Health Insurance) \$617.04  
Cindy Bracy made a motion to approve the transfers from county general- building & planning. Matt Minnich seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

1000-068-10-0049 County General-Comm. (Employer Health Ins) to 1000-068-30-0064 (Juvenile Secure Detent) \$20,000  
1000-068-10-0061 County General-Comm. (Unemployment Comp) to 1000- 068-20-0030 (Copy Machine Supplies) \$2,500  
1000-068-10-0049 County General-Comm. (Employer Health Ins) to 1000-068-10-0022 (Wages-Other Comp) \$1,000  
1000-068-10-0061 County General-Comm. (Unemployment Comp) to 1000-068-30-0064 (Juvenile Secure Detent) \$5,000  
Cindy Bracy made a motion to approve the transfers from county general- Commissioners. Matt Minnich seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

1000-380-10-0136 Jail (Wages-Security Part Time) to 1000-380-10-0135 Jail (Wages-Security Full Time) \$563.20  
1000-380-10-0116 County General- Jail (Wages-Cooks) to 1000-380-30-0044 (Utilities) \$15,253.85  
1000-380-10-0140 County General- Jail (Wages-Jail Maintenance FT) to 1000-380-30-0044 (Utilities) \$15,583.55  
Cindy Bracy made a motion to approve the transfers from county general- Jail. Matt Minnich seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

1000-622-20-0045 County General- Retirement Center (Misc. Supplies) to 1000-622-30-0099 (Utilities-Gas) \$400  
1000-622-30-0012 County General- Retirement Center (Travel/Mileage) to 1000-622-20-0046 (Water Softener Salt) \$100  
Cindy Bracy made a motion to approve the transfers from county general- Retirement Center. Matt Minnich seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

1176-003-10-0061 Highway (Unemployment Comp) to 1176-003-10-0049 (Employer Health Insurance) \$1,000  
Cindy Bracy made a motion to approve the transfers from Highway. Matt Minnich seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

4900-001-30-0028 County Corrections (Training) to 4900-001-20-0016 (Uniforms) \$1,586.19  
Cindy Bracy made a motion to approve the transfers from County Corrections. Matt Minnich seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

PERMANENT TRANSFER:  
1000-068-50-0032 Fund Transfer- County General – Misc. to Fund 8124 FY22 EMPG Grant (EMA) \$.01  
Cindy Bracy made a motion to approve the permanent transfer from county general to FY22 EMPG Grant. Dave Haines seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

**ELECTION WORKSHOP**

Ashley Drees, Purdue Extension Jay: Extension Educator-Health and Human Sciences, came to the council to discuss an election workshop they have put together for January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in the courthouse auditorium. The workshop will teach community members how to run for office and the expected duties for the office. She also wanted to inform the council Purdue University has taken on the state broadband access survey. The information is contained on flyers, and on their Facebook page. The process is very simple, scan the QR code and it will let you know if it shows you have access to highspeed internet. If you do not, you can contest it by doing a speed test.

**ECRPPD- OWNER OCCUPIED REHAB**

Nate Kimball, Assistant Director of Regional Economic Development & Planning ECRPPD, came to give the council an update on the Owner-Occupied Rehab program through the HELP! Program. There have been 52 residents who have contacted him or the auditor's office. The max amount received for residents will be \$25,000. The rehab projects can include roofing, HVAC, electric, water heater replacements and accessibility. The county's application is in OCRA's hands for a second time to review. They will either approve or return for more adjustments and are hoping to hear back by the end of the week or next. Mr. Kimball will start looking for builders and set office hours for residents and businesses. After January, it will be opened up for commissioners to approve 40-70 homes depending on the amount needed for each owner.

Matt Minnich questioned if the application process with OCRA was to make sure we were falling into the program guidelines. Mr. Kimball confirmed they would be looking for verification of income, that taxes are current, or insurance if the home has a mortgage against it. Klempeter consulting will handle all the paperwork and communications with OCRA. Randy May questioned the income limitations for the program. Mr. Kimball will get the figures sent out to the council and the public. Faron Parr asked when the applications would be available to residents. Mr. Kimball believed the applications should go out this month and will be approved by commissioners and OCRA in 60 days. Randy May questioned how residents could obtain an application. Mr. Kimball will call or email those already on the list, but will have them available at the Community Resource Center. It was suggested applications be available at city and town halls and local libraries.

**HEALTH BOARD**

Health Butz, health administrator/environmentalist, came to the council to discuss an appointment to the Health Board as the new health law changes allows the county council to now have an appointment. Mr. Butz recommended Virginia Burkey, current member, as the appointment for the county. Cindy Bracy made a motion to appoint Virginia Burkey to the Jay County Health Board. Faron Parr seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

With no further business for the council Faron Parr made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Matt Minnich seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

**JAY COUNTY COUNCIL**

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*James Burkey*  
*Hank Howell*  
*Mrs. Mad*  
*Salm Parr*  
*Cindy Bracy*

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ATTEST: *Emil Franks*  
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