MINUTES
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL
January 21, 2026

Members Present: Michael Davidson, John Nolting, Brett Turner, Jacquelyn Jasinski, Brian Thompson

Members Absent: Brady Riley and Amanda Lowery

Council observed a moment of silence for Council Member Lowery and her family. Council then recited the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sheriff Rick Meyer administered the oath of office to the Council.

Vice President Thompson called the regular meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Thompson asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2025 meeting. Jasinski made the motion, Turner seconded. Motion passed unanimously (5 yes votes).

Reports from Committees, Boards, or Commissions:

- **EMT/EMS Board:** Council Member Turner reported that the EMS Board met on January 8; the new EMT class has 18 students. The 4th Annual Chili Cook-off was well attended; Camryn White—on her first shift as a paramedic—won the cook-off. Collections and run volume are trending solidly; staffing and retention are improving.

New Business:

Election of Officers (2026)

- **Council President**: Motion by Davidson to re-elect Brady Riley as President; Nolting seconded. Nominations were closed by motion and second Motion passed unanimously (5 yes votes).
- **Council Vice President:** Motion by Turner to re-elect Brian Thompson as Vice President; Jasinski seconded. Nominations were closed by motion and second. Motion passed unanimously (5 yes votes).

Ratify Corrections to Resolution #1/ Council Bill #43 (Bond Resolution)
Council considered a scrivener's error in the executed Council Bill/Resolution, which contained an incorrect amount in Section 1; the action ratifies the correct amount as shown elsewhere in the adopted resolution. Motion to ratify the correction was made by Turner and seconded by Davidson. Motion passed unanimously (5 yes votes).

2025 to 2026 Carryover Requests
Council reviewed year-end carryover requests to ensure 2025 expenditures paid after January 1, 2026, are charged to the appropriate 2025 budgets. Following department summaries read into the record, total carryovers were approved as follows (abbreviated list):

EMS: $8,127.90 (repairs, lubricants, medical supplies)
Purdue Extension: $527.73 (travel)
Prosecutor: $1,673.13 (travel/seminar)
Probation: $236.96 (printing/microfilming/office supplies)
Assessor: $17,781.85 (office supplies/contracts)
Coroner: $2,973.75 (toxicology labs/x-rays)
Highway: $234,363.85 (trucks/equipment, structures, stone/gravel, building repairs)
Jail: $34,830.91 (supplies/repairs)
Veterans: $500.42 (fuel, office supplies)
County Council: $618.00 (advisor/continuing disclosure fees)
County Commissioners: $12,595.05 (legal services)
Superior Court 1: $234.00 (interpreter)
Visitor Center: $564.07 (legal, office, janitorial services)
Auditor: $409,918.69 (juvenile/judicial payments; postage; internet; office supplies)
Grand Total: $724,946.31.

Motion to approve the carryover requests made by Jasinski and seconded by Nolting. Motion passed unanimously (5 yes votes).

Cindy Barnard Veterans Office — State/Federal Regulatory Changes
The Veterans Service Officer briefed Council on new state and federal requirements effective January 1 requiring licensure/accreditation and PIV card access for any staff performing operational work with veteran claims (advising, preparing, filing). The current part-time staff member Erin (a veteran) needs accreditation and training to bring the office fully into compliance.

Training requirements discussed: 60 hours (federal; one-time), 48 hours (state; annual), and 40 hours (online; annual). Due to hour limitations, completing training while part-time is impractical; the request was advanced to evaluate converting the position to full-time.

Council consensus: direct HR (Jeff Hubbard) to work with the Veterans Office to (a) define the appropriate job classification and description, and (b) prepare a Salary Ordinance amendment for consideration at the next meeting.

Discussion also noted increased outreach/reporting mandates and potential workload increases tied to new federal recognition of additional herbicide exposures.

No action was required at this meeting beyond the HR and ordinance-prep direction.

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Old Business:

Board Appointments
Council deferred appointments for one month to allow members coordinating candidates (including absent members) to participate. No action taken.

Seymour Truck Wash — Tax Abatement
Council considered Resolution No. 2 / Council Bill No. 1 (2026) granting a real property tax abatement (Section 1) for Seymour Properties, Inc. Following discussion clarifying that the abatement applies to the improvement (not personal property) and review of the Statement of Benefits (investment, job creation, wages), Council approved a three-year declining-percentage schedule (equal thirds each year).

Motion to approve the resolution as read was made by Jasinski and seconded by Davidson. Motion passed unanimously (**5 yes votes**).

Miscellaneous:

Planning & Zoning-Dalton Anderson -No formal report.

Highway Superintendent-Jerry Ault- No formal report.

Sheriff Rick Meyer

- **Jail Commissary Report (10/1–12/31/2025):** Beginning balance $264,451.95; receipts $99,145.17; expenditures $102,379.81; ending balance $261,217.31.
- **Jail/911 Activity:** 911 calls averaging ~1,430 per month; discussion of Spillman/CAD system and server capacity with ongoing coordination with the City; no immediate issues reported.

Human Resources-Jeff Hubbard

- County casualty & liability insurance renewed—carrier change from Liberty Mutual to Travelers with no increase in premium from prior year. The insurer requested a February 9 meeting regarding juvenile home staffing ratios: a Commissioner and Council Member Michael Davidson plan to attend.

Auditor- Melissa Gray

- Presented December 2025 fund balances and Treasurer's report.

County Attorney-Susan Bevers

- Provided counsel during abatement and bond-ratification items.

Turner made a motion to adjourn. Jasinski seconded. Motion passed unanimously (5 yes votes).

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 18 at 8:00 a.m.

Signed this 18th day of February 2026.

Brady Riley

Amanda Lowery

Michael Davidson

John Nolting

Brett Turner

Jacquelyn Jasinski

Brian Thompson

Melissa Gray - Attest