MINUTES
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL
October 15,2025
8:00 AM

Members Present: Councilman Brady Riley, Councilman Brian Thompson, Councilwoman Amanda Lowery, Councilwoman Jacquelyn Jasinski, Councilman Ryan Brett Turner, and Councilman John Nolting.

Members Absent: Councilman Michael Davidson

The Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Riley called the Regular meeting to order at 8:00AM.

Sheriff Rick Meyer performed the swearing in of the Council.

Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2025, meeting. Lowery seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried

Reports from Committees, Boards, or Commissions:

Turner reported that Jackson County EMS hired new as-needed employees and a full-time paramedic. Director Nate Bryant will attend the EMS World Expo in Indianapolis

New Business:

Additional Appropriation Ordinance #38, Council Bill #39

Riley performed the first reading.

- Lit Correctional Facility Fund: $120,000 (Inmate medical costs)
- County Highway Fund: $1,046 (Capital Outlays for office computers)
- County General Fund: $2,016.96 (Deputy overtime reimbursement)

Turner moved to approve the ordinance on first reading, seconded by Thompson. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Riley performed the second reading by title only. Nolting moved to approve, seconded by. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

General Obligation Bond Ordinance #39, Council Bill #40

Riley performed the first reading.

Authorizes issuance of up to $5 million in bonds for county facility improvements, equipment purchases, and incidental expenses.

Thompson moved to approve, seconded by Jasinski. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Riley performed the second reading by title only. Thompson moved to approve, seconded by Turner. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Riley requested a motion to approve engaging a placement agent to assist with rate shopping for the bond.

Thompson moved to approval, seconded by Lowery. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Second Reading and Adoption of 2026 budgets for Jackson County, Pershing Township and binding units

Riley performed the second reading and entertained a motion to adopt the 2026 budget for Jackson County and each of the binging units.

Ordinance #25 Resolution #27-Brownstown Central Comm. School Corp.-$20,389,216
Thompson made a motion approve, seconded by Nolting Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Ordinance- 26 Resolution #28-Vernon Twp FPD-$503,450
Jasinski made a motion to approve, seconded by Nolting. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Ordinance #28 Resolution #30-Pershing Twp FPD-$162,000
Lowery made a motion to approve, seconded by Jasinski. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Ordinance #29 Resolution #31- Driftwood Twp FPD-$134,425
Lowery made a motion to approve, seconded by Jasinski. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Ordinance #30 Resolution #32- Brownstown FPD-$583,368
Nolting made a motion to approve, seconded by Lowery. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Ordinance #31 Resolution #33- Grassy Fork Twp FPD-$67,650
Thompson made a motion to approve, seconded by Turner. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Ordinance #32 Resolution #34- Redding Twp FPD-$165,507
Turner made a motion to approve, seconded by Thompson. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Ordinance #33 Resolution #35- Owen/Salt Twp FPD-$220,109
Thompson made a motion to approve, seconded by Lowery. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Ordinance #34 Resolution #36- Hamilton Twp FPD-$216,500
Turner made a motion to approve, seconded by Thompson. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Ordinance #35 Resolution #37- Jackson/Washington FPD Budget-$487,500 Jasinski made a motion to approve, seconded by Lowery. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Ordinance #36 Resolution #38- Jackson County-$34,005,696
Thompson made a motion to approve, seconded by Jasinski. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Ordinance #37 Resolution #39- Pershing Twp Budget-$52,688
Thompson made a motion to approve, seconded by Lowery. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Ordinance #27 Resolution #29- Jackson County Solid Waste District-$1,167,480
Jasinski made a motion to approve, seconded by Turner. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Old Business: None

Miscellaneous:

Jerry Ault – County Highway Superintendent

- Presented plans to replace five deteriorating small structures with aluminum boxes.
- Requested $187,556.46 for the project (to be considered next month).
- CCMG has been filed.
- Reported completion of 2025 paving and start of road widening.

Sheriff Rick Meyer

- Provided September 2025 Jail Report.
- HVAC repairs at the jail are scheduled.
- DOC payment received; $56,000 still outstanding.

Jeff Hubbard – Human Resources

- Announced longevity pay will be distributed on November 14, 2025.
- Confirmed 3% pay increase included in adopted budget.
- Discussed upcoming health board appointments and 2026 board appointment planning.

Melissa Gray – Auditor

- Presented September 2025 Balance of Funds Report and Treasurer's Report.
- Reported smooth transition into role and successful budget completion.

Riley entertained a motion to adjourn. Thompson made a motion to adjourn. Six (6) yes motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 8:00 AM.

Signed this 19th day of November 2025.

Brady Riley

Amanda Lowery

Michael Davidson

John Nolting

Brett Turner

Jaquelyn Jasinski

Brian Thompson

Melissa Gray - attest