MINUTES
JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL
June 18, 2025
8:00 AM

Members Present: Councilman Brian Thompson, Councilwoman Amanda Lowery, Councilwoman Jacquelyn Jasinski, Councilman Ryan Brett Turner, Councilman John Nolting, and Councilman Michael Davidson
The Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
Councilman Thompson called the Regular meeting to order at 8:00AM.
Sheriff Rick Meyer performed the swearing in of the Council.
Councilman Nolting made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2025, regular meeting. Councilwoman Lowery seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Reports from Committees, Boards, or Commissions:

Councilman Turner spoke about the June 12th EMS board meeting he attended. Nate passed out the run numbers and collections. He stated that everything is down a little bit from a year ago. They also spoke about the present bond and the bond coming up at this meeting, and he informed us that Nate would be going into further detail about this.

Councilman Thompson wanted to quickly touch on one thing. He informed us that himself along with Councilman Riley met with Reedy Financial at the end of May regarding the Senate Enrolled Act #1 (Budget Bill). There are quite a few changes with property taxes and tax revenues for the counties. The next couple of years they will be putting restrictions on property tax collections. The estimate right now has us down $400,000 in revenue in 2026, and down $670,000 in revenue from property taxes revenue in 2027. In 2028 a big shift occurs from property taxes to income taxes. At that time, decisions will have to be made by the county councils on how they want to distribute and collect the income taxes. After 3 years the revenue may be pulled back some but not as much as in the first 2 years. We just have to work through these next two years, he said. Our growth quotient is at 4%. He believes this will be a better program for property owners in the future. More income for the counties will come from income tax instead of property taxes. Property taxes will go down and income taxes should stay steady, he stated.

Amended Agenda adding:
Transfer-Resolution #6 Council Bill #14
Councilman Thompson made a motion to approve amendment of the agenda. Councilwoman Jasinski seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Additional Appropriations- Ordinance 2025 #13 Council Bill #14

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2025- #13 Council Bill #14

Whereas, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget; now, therefore:

Section 1: Be it resolved, County Council of Jackson County, Indiana that for the expenses of the taxing unit the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the

funds named and for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same:

County General - 1000:			Amount	Approved
10000	Personal Services	$	493	
20000	Supplies	$		
30000	Other Services and Charges	$		
40000	Capital Outlays	$		
	Total County General - 1000:	$	**493**	

Supp. Public Defender Serv - 1200	**Supp. Public Defender Serv - 1200**		Amount	Approved
10000	Personal Services	$		
20000	Supplies	$		
30000	Other Services and Charges	$	20,000	
40000	Capital Outlays	$		
Total Supp. Public Defender Serv - 1200:	**Total Supp. Public Defender Serv - 1200:**	$	**20,000**	

LIT Correctional - 1233			Amount	Approved
10000	Personal Services	$		
20000	Supplies	$		
30000	Other Services and Charges	$	30,064	
40000	Capital Outlays	$		
	Total LIT Correctional - 1233:	$	**30,064**	

User Fees - Jury Fees - 2503			Amount	Approved
10000	Personal Services	$	5,000	
20000	Supplies	$		
30000	Other Services and Charges	$		
40000	Capital Outlays	$		
	Total User Fees - Jury Fees - 2503:	$	**5,000**	

Adopted by the Council this 18th day of June 2025:

Councilman Thompson performed first reading of Additional Appropriations- Ordinance 2025 #13 Council Bill #14. Councilman Nolting made a motion to approve upon first reading. Councilman Turner seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried. Councilman Thompson performed the second reading. Councilwoman Lowery made a motion to approve upon second reading. Councilman Davidson seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Canine Control Fees- There has been a situation in the county where packs of dogs have been roaming and are unrestrained causing injury to other animals/pets and livestock on other properties. It has been brought to the Councils attention to review the fees for breaking these rules, as they are very nominal. Susan Bevers, County Attorney, also stated that the current ordinance is about 10-12 years old. The Caine Control officer presented to the Commissioners the idea of increasing the fee in hopes of helping this problem. They were in support of this increase. The County Council has the authority to set the amount of these fees. The Council

will review the current ordinance and has decided to establish an animal control committee. This committee will consist of Councilman Nolting, Councilman Turner, and Councilwoman Lowery.

Nate Bryant, EMS director-2022 GOB requests
Nate informed the council that they currently have $126,170 left out of the current bond. This was left over from the Brownstown station remodel project. He passed out the following document explaining how he would like to utilize those remaining funds:

Here is a breakdown of what we are looking at. It was approved by the EMS board last Thursday (June 12th) and I am seeking your approval for these projects. We have a remaining balance of $126,170 in the 2022 GOB that was initially allocated for ambulances. After this was appropriated, Schneck agreed to fund $500,000 of the $750,000 for ambulances. We purchased one ambulance for $249,000 while Schneck purchased the other two. The leftover money ($500,000) was transferred to the Brownstown Station project, which we completed well under budget, leaving a balance.

I am asking approval with the following needs of our department:
1. Mattresses and bed frames for both Seymour stations and Crothersville, totaling $1,700. (Commissioners and Council previously approved this, but I wanted to bring it to your attention again since it has been a while.)

2. I AM RESPONDING- $2,148 This is a mobile app that would be installed on our computers and can also be on each team member's cell phone. This will assist our crews and dispatch with our response and getting our run numbers and times directly following the run. There is an annual fee of $2,099 which I have budgeted for in 2026.

3. Portable Suction Units- We have reached the end of life for our portable suction units on each ambulance. These are used to clear a patient's airway in the event of blood or other fluids obstructing their airway. $9,100

4. Stryker LIFENET- This is a system that will allow our cardiac monitors to transmit an EKG directly to the hospital and to the cardiac interventionist on call at CRH. This is a huge benefit to a patient experiencing an active heart attack. While our Paramedics do an excellent job identifying these patients by interpreting EKG's, it is best practice to have a physician watching the EKG in real-time. $6,482.04 for Modems + $500/ year subscription. They will waive the subscription fee for 2025. I have budgeted for the annual fee of $500 starting in 2026.

5. First Net HPUE- Currently, our ambulances GPS are not functioning. The Cradle point WIFI is not operating, and this model went to the end of life in March of this year. I would suggest installing an HPUE (High Powered User Equipment) or MegaFi. These devices, powered by first net mobile, should not fail anywhere in the county. This would ensure our trucks have tracking capabilities for dispatch and would serve a dual purpose in providing the needed WIFI for item 4 in this list, which is needed to transmit the EKG. The monthly cost,

which is already budgeted for, is $250. The MegaFi modems purchase price is normally $999, but we can get them for $599, totaling $4,792 for eight of them.

I am also considering utilizing some of the extra money out of the 2022 bond for some items I originally placed in the 2026-2028 bond to help lessen the burden as I am aware that things will be tight next cycle. I have not taken this idea to the EMS board; however, I wanted to make you aware. We are looking at implementing One Dose and One Weight. These are basically scales that would fit on our stretchers. Paramedics generally are poor guessers of weight; however, currently, we look at a patient and estimate their weight. This program would give us accurate weights, to avoid the guessing game and potential for wrong dosages of medications- primarily in the case of a pediatric patient as most of their medications are weight-based. The total cost of this is $45,000 and was originally put in the next bond cycle. The equipment is $30,000 plus $4,500/ year for a 3-year agreement.

Councilwoman Jasinski made a motion to approve, Councilman Turner seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

Amended agenda- Transfer Resolution #6 Council Bill #14

"A resolution to transfer monies from the Highway Department Budget of the County of Jackson, Indiana."

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF JACKSON, INDIANA:

Section 1: That for the expenses of the County Government for the year 2025, the following sums of money are hereby transferred out and set apart out of the specific funds herein named and for the specific purpose herein named and specified, all subject to the laws of the State of Indiana governing the same, such sums herein shall be held to include expenditures authorized to be made during the year 2025, unless otherwise expressly stipulated and provided by law.

Section 2: That for the said fiscal period of 2025, there is hereby transferred from the Highway Department Budget of the County of Jackson, Indiana the following:

From:	Highway- Bridge #11	1176-40011-0531
To:	Highway – Reinspection	1176-50010-0531

Amount
$ 20,000

Section 3: This transfer of funds is made to pay for necessary expenses for fiscal year 2025.

Section 4: This resolution shall be effective and in full force from and after its passage, all as provided by law.

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ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL, this 18th day of June 2025.

Councilwoman Lowery made a motion to approve, Councilman Turner seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:
2025B Salary Ordinance Amendment- update the Juvenile Home part time rate to $ 17.36 an hour. It was updated in the salary ordinance incorrectly, so this is to amend this.
Councilwoman Lowery made a motion to approve, Councilman Davidson seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

MISC BUSINESS:

Rick Meyer, Sheriff, stated Council was provided May 2025 reports. Councilman Thompson asked about the Commissary funds and how it is getting along. He inquired if the Sheriff is able to utilize those funds for purposes deemed for the department, and he said yes. Sheriff Meyer said they purchased twenty-eight handguns, holsters, and recently re-painted at the jail using these funds.

Hans Eilbracht, Auditor, informed council that they were given the May 2025 Treasurer Report and May 2025 Fund Balance Report. He mentioned that the State Board of Accounts has been here doing an Audit for 2024. Councilwoman Lowery and Commissioner Markel were present at the entrance meeting. They should be finishing soon. They will be having an exit meeting and report any findings they may have found.

Councilwoman Lowery mentioned redistricting and asked Susan Bevers where we were on that. Susan informed her that she would speak with Hope Cissna, County Clerk, on this matter. Councilwoman Lowery stated we needed a resolution to this by June 30, 2025.

Councilman Turner made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Nolting seconded. Six (6) yes votes, motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 16th, 2025, at 8:00 AM.

Signed this 16th day of July 2025.

Brady Riley

Michael Davidson

Brett Turner

Brian Thompson

Amanda Lowery

John Nolting

Jaquelyn Jasinski

Hans Eilbracht - attest