**MINUTES**
**JACKSON COUNTY COUNCIL**
**December 17, 2025**

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

**Members Absent**: Amanda Lowery

Council recited the Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

President Riley called the regular meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

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

Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2025, meeting. Nolting seconded. Motion passed unanimously (6 yes votes).

**Reports from Committees, Boards, or Commissions**: None

**Amendment to Agenda:** State Board of Accounts Audit discussion and an abatement request were added to the agenda. Thompson made a motion to approve amendment, seconded by Turner. Motion passed unanimously (6 yes votes).

**New Business**:

**Additional Appropriations – Ordinance #41 Council Bill #44**:
Request to approve appropriations exceeding the annual budget:

- County General Fund- Personal Services: $21,000.
- County Geneal Fund- Other Services & Charges: $3,000,000.

First reading: Turner made a motion to approve, seconded by Thompson. Motion passed unanimously (6 yes votes).

Discussion:

- $21,000: Translator grant rollover deficit. Judge Travis was present to answer questions.
- $3,000,000: Litigation and settlement expenditures.

Second reading: Jasinski made a motion to approve, seconded by Turner. Motion passed unanimously (6 yes votes).

**Emergency Transfers – Resolution #12 Council Bill #45**:
Request to transfer funds within existing appropriations:

- General Fund-Public Defender: Travel to Office Supplies- $344.83
- User Fee-Alcohol & Drug: Drug & Contractors to Director- $2,619.06.
- Visitor Center: Part-Time to Equipment- $900.
- Visitor Center: Part-Time to Promotions- $10,000.

First reading: Thompson made a motion to approve, seconded by Jasinski. Motion passed unanimously (6 yes votes).

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**2026 Salary Ordinance:**
Ordinance includes 3% cost-of-living increase for all salary classifications for 2026.

First reading: Thompson made a motion to approve, seconded by Turner. Motion passed unanimously (6 yes votes).

Second reading: Davidson made a motion to approve, seconded by Jasinkski. Motion passed unanimously (6 yes votes).

**2026 Reedy Financial Group Engagement Letter & Agreement**:
Council discussed the ongoing financial and budgeting benefits of the engagement.

Thompson made a motion to approve, seconded by Davidson. Motion passed unanimously (6 yes votes).

**Auditor-State Board of Accounts Audit Discussion**:
Auditor Melissa Gray provided updates on 2024 audit findings:

- Unreconciled transactions between Treasure's cash sheet & First Financial Bank statement dating back to 2023.
- Prior auditors did not resolve the issues; SBOA flagged them.
- Treasurer and current Auditor's staff have corrected most items.
- Remaining discrepancies will be reconciled using a payroll clearing account.
- Standardized payroll procedures are now followed; daily reconciliation is occurring.
- Asset inventory deficiencies also noted for audit; process improvements are underway.

No action required. Information only.

**Abatement Request- Seymour Truck Wash**:
Owner presented the abatement request.
Project details presented:

- Investment: $2.7 million
- Estimated new jobs: 6
- Location: East of Highway31/North of Highway 50
- Operation goal: 8-10 months
- Hours: 6:00 AM- 10:00 PM

No action required. Resolution will be presented at the January meeting.

**Old Business**:
No action required on Health Department appointments (Council has no appointment).

**Miscellaneous**:

Jeff Hubbard- Human Resources

- Council tabled the board appointments until the January 2026 meeting.

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- Provided November 2025 Jail Report.
- Update on the status of Animal Shelter during short staffing:
  - Continuing to operate effectively.
  - Part-time staff performing well; inmates assist on the weekends.

Melissa Gray-Auditor

- Presented November 2025 fund balances and Treasurer's report.
- Fall settlement payouts completed December 10.
- Corrected 2026 Holiday Schedule distributed (includes election days).
- Centerstone FY25 annual county report distributed to council.

Turner noted that the County Courthouse looks very nicely and festively decorated for the Christmas holiday.

Turner made a motion to adjourn. Jasinski seconded. Motion passed unanimously (6 yes votes).

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 21, at 8:00AM.

Signed this 21st day of January 2026.

Brady Riley

Amanda Lowery

Michael Davidson

John Nolting

Brett Turner

Jacquelyn Jasinski

Brian Thompson

Melissa Gray - Attest