

COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Pamela Burton.

A. Call the Meeting to Order

1. Roll Call

The following members were present: Jonathan T. Myers, Melinda Griesemer, John Mallers, Michele Ann Graves, and Ron Bates. John Ditmars was absent.

2. Invocation

Mrs. Burton gave the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Burton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of 2/10/25 Agenda

Mrs. Burton noted the following changes to the agenda:

- *Remove items C3-6*
- *On item E1 - change Ordinance 2025-03 to say Amending 2024 Annual Salary Ordinance*
- *Add item E1.5 - Ordinance 2025-04 Amending 2025 Annual Salary Ordinance*

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mrs. Graves seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

5. Public Comments (limited to 5 minutes per person)

There were no public comments.

B. Routine Matters – Consent Agenda

By a single motion, the Board approves the following items, which may include Salary Ordinance Amendments, Additional Appropriations, Reductions, and Transfers. Any items listed on the consent agenda may be removed by a Council member and moved to the regular agenda.

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the following requests as presented. Ms. Griesemer seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

1. General (#1001-0911) Jo Co Public Safety Comm

(a) From: 1001.16900.00000.0911	Shift Differential Pay	\$ (18,708.91)
To: 1001.16901.00000.0911	Stipend – Night Shift (new)	\$ 18,708.91

2. Food & Beverage (#1157-0107) Coroner

(a) From: 1157.16900.00000.0107	Shift Differential Pay	\$ (43,961.00)
To: 1157.16902.00000.0107	Stipend – On Call (new)	\$ 43,961.00

3. JDAI Juvenile 2024-2025 (#9127) Juvenile Detention

(a) From: 9127.25801.00000.0140	Food	\$ (800.00)
To: 9127.31000.00000.0140	Professional Services	\$ 800.00

4. JDAI Performance Based Grant FY25 (#9145) Juvenile Detention

(a) AA: 9145.31000.00000.0140	Professional Services	\$ 44,000.00
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5. 10.557 WIC Program 2023-2024 (#8208) WIC

(a) AA: 8208.31601.00000.0215	Operating Expenses	\$ 26,193.30
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6.	<u>Prosecutor Hub Grant 2024-2025 (#9133) Prosecutor</u>		
	(a) AA: 9133.19500.00000.0108	Grant Reimb for Personnel	\$ 103.75
7.	<u>Grants Awarded/Non-Governmental (#4300-0210) Health</u>		
	(a) AA: 4300.31000.00000.0210	Professional Services	\$ 14,995.75
8.	<u>VASIA Guardianship Fees (#4203) VASIA</u>		
	(a) AA: 4203.35002.00000.0454	Advertising	\$ 5,000.00
	(b) AA: 4203.44000.00000.0454	Office Equipment	\$ 5,000.00
9.	<u>Grants Awarded/Non-Governmental (#4300-00454) VASIA</u>		
	(a) AA: 4300.21001.00000.0454	Volunteer Favors	\$ 500.00
10.	<u>VASIA 2025 (#9138) VASIA</u>		
	(a) AA: 9138.36200.00000.0133	Communication	\$ 720.00
	(b) AA: 9138.21500.00000.0133	Office Supplies	\$ 1,500.00
	(c) AA: 9138.32000.00000.0133	Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 1,500.00
	(d) AA: 9138.35002.00000.0133	Advertising	\$ 5,000.00
	(e) AA: 9138.36102.00000.0133	Contractual Services	\$ 51,780.00
	(f) AA: 9138.31000.00000.0133	Professional Services	\$ 2,000.00
	(g) AA: 9138.25801.00000.0133	Food	\$ 4,000.00
	(h) AA: 9138.44000.00000.0133	Office Equipment	\$ 1,000.00
	(i) AA: 9138.21001.00000.0133	Volunteer Favors	\$ 1,500.00
	(j) AA: 9138.31500.00000.0133	Travel & Training	\$ 1,000.00
11.	<u>CASA Capacity Bldg Grant 2025 (#9124) CASA</u>		
	(a) AA: 9124.36102.00000.0274	Contractual Servies	\$ 16,000.00
12.	<u>General Fund (#1001-0138) Unified Probation</u>		
	(a) Reduction: 1001.19900.00000.0138	Overtime	\$ (2,500.00)
13.	<u>General Fund (#1001-0159) Comm Corr/Adult</u>		
	(a) AA: 1001.19900.00000.0159	Overtime	\$ 2,500.00
14.	<u>Grants Awarded/Non-Governmental (#4300-0209) Comm Corr/API</u>		
	(a) From: 4300.31000.00000.0209	Professional Services	\$ (2,000.00)
	To: 4300.40100.00000.0209	Office Equipment/Furniture	\$ 2,000.00

C. Salary Ordinance Amendments, Additional Appropriations, Reductions, and Transfers:

1. 93.788 SIM Grant 2025 (#8239) Unified Probation

Steve Kermode, Assistant Director, was present to request an appropriation of funds for this grant. He noted he had submitted a revised form 144, changing the annual salary to \$52,215. He explained last year they had moved a position from the grant to the General Fund, but now that they were awarded this grant again, they were going to pay the employee from the grant for as long as the money lasts.

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

(1a) AA: 8239.16940.00000.0138	Jail Navigator	\$ 48,500.00
(1b) 8239.16940.00000.0138	Jail Navigator – annual salary of \$48,500 \$52,215 {max bi-weekly pay of \$1,865.38 \$2,008.27}	

(1c) AA: 8239.14200.00000.0138	Fica-Social Security	\$	3,711.00
(1d) AA: 8239.14300.00000.0138	PERF	\$	5,432.00
(1e) AA: 8239.14400.00000.0138	Emp Group Health Insurance	\$	14,500.00
(1f) AA: 8239.19900.00000.0138	Overtime	\$	557.00

2. Comm Corr Adult Grant 2024 (#9152) Comm Corr/Adult *retro to 12/26/24*

Mr. Kermode was also present for these requests. He explained the grant runs from 1/1/24-12/31/24, which doesn't coincide exactly with our pay dates. He stated he has worked with Amy Thompson, First Deputy Auditor, to fix the below clerical issues. He noted there is cash still left in the grant, so he is requesting additional appropriations to cover the clerical mistakes.

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the requests as presented. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

(2a) AA: 9152.11431.00000.0208	Field Officer (1)	\$	568.28
(2b) 9152.11431.00000.0208 – Field Officer (1) – annual salary of \$56,069 {max bi-weekly pay of \$2,156.50}			
(2c) AA: 9152.11434.00000.0208	Field Officer (2)	\$	882.12
(2d) 9152.11434.00000.0208 – Field Officer (2) – annual salary of \$61,383 {max bi-weekly pay of \$2,360.88}			
(2e) AA: 9152.11502.00000.0208	Field Officer (3)	\$	425.98
(2f) 9152.11502.00000.0208 – Field Officer (3) – annual salary of \$55,926 {max bi-weekly pay of \$2,151.00}			
(2g) AA: 9152.11756.00000.0208	Case Manager (3)	\$	515.47
(2h) 9152.11756.00000.0208 – Case Manager (3) – annual salary of \$50,244 {max bi-weekly pay of \$1,932.46}			
(2i) AA: 9152.11757.00000.0208	Case Manager (4)	\$	311.46
(2j) 9152.11757.00000.0208 – Case Manager (4) – annual salary of \$50,040 {max bi-weekly pay of \$1,924.62}			
(2k) AA: 9152.11764.00000.0208	Case Manager (5)	\$	534.60
(2l) 9152.11764.00000.0208 – Case Manager (5) – annual salary of \$50,263 {max bi-weekly pay of \$1,933.19}			
(2m) AA: 9152.11767.00000.0208	Case Manager (7)	\$	739.90
(2n) 9152.11767.00000.0208 – Case Manager (7) – annual salary of \$50,468 {max bi-weekly pay of \$1,941.08}			

3. Adult Probation Adm Fees (#2001) Unified Probation

This item was removed from the agenda.

~~(3a) AA: 2001.14400.00000.0282 – Emp Group Health Insurance – \$ – 11,000.00~~

4. Juvenile Probation Adm Fees (#2051) Unified Probation

This item was removed from the agenda.

~~(4a) AA: 2051.14400.00000.0281 – Emp Group Health Insurance – \$ – 1,500.00~~

5. Supp Juvenile Probation Services (#2151) Unified Probation

This item was removed from the agenda.

~~(5a) AA: 2151.14400.00000.0296 – Emp Group Health Insurance – \$ – 4,000.00~~

6. County Alcohol & Drug (#2502) Unified Probation

This item was removed from the agenda.

~~(6a) AA: 2502.14400.00000.0332~~ — ~~Emp Group Health Insurance~~ \$ ~~8,500.00~~

7. County Health (#1159) Health

Betsy Swearingen, Director, was present to request an additional appropriation to pay for some office equipment and furniture. Her office is trying to go paperless and would like to purchase laptops for the Environmentalists to use while they are working out in the field. The original thought was they would join the State's software program; however, it is costly, therefore, they are using their own software.

Mrs. Graves asked if fund #1159 comes out of the General Fund.

Mrs. Swearingen replied no; these are not taxpayers' dollars. These are monies received from insurance companies for the COVID vaccinations (administrative fees from the State). She noted there is a balance of around \$250,000.

Mr. Mallers inquired how many laptops would be purchased.

Mrs. Swearingen replied around ten (eight full time Environmentalists and two part time in the summer).

Mrs. Burton asked if the employees would own these laptops.

Mrs. Swearingen replied no; they would be able to take them home and to keep them in their possession, but they would bring them back to the office to download the information. They would not be getting any VPNs to work remotely.

Ms. Griesemer asked how urgent this need is, from a scale of 1 to 10, a 10 being the most urgent.

Mrs. Swearingen answered the State is really pushing for things to become paperless. Additionally, this summer there will be a new FDA food code. She noted if they joined the State's software program, there would be a \$500 user fee per person, plus they would still need to purchase laptops. She then stated the need would be a 7 on a scale from 1 to 10.

Mr. Bates made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mr. Mallers seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

(7a) AA: 1159.40100.00000.0210 Office Equipment/Furniture \$ 18,200.02

8. Local Road & Street (#1169) Highway

Luke Mastin, Supervisor, was present to request an additional appropriation for new equipment purchases. He explained the request is actually a re-appropriation of the remaining balance of funds that were previously approved at the June 2024 Council meeting. A lot of their equipment has long lead times and while they were able to secure and pay for some of the purchases in 2024, some of the other equipment either has not been delivered yet or based on the timing of the invoices, they were not actually paid until 2025. He noted they don't pay invoices until the equipment is delivered.

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mr. Mallers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

(8a) AA: 1169.44100.00000.0207 Misc Equipment \$ 150,000.00

9. County Highway (#1176) Highway

Mr. Mastin was also present for this request and stated the explanation is the same as he noted for item C8.

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the request as presented. Mrs. Graves seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

(9a) AA: 1176.44100.00204.0201 Misc Equipment \$ 800,000.00

10. Reassessment (#1224) Assessor

Mike Watkins, Assessor, was present to request a title change. He noted he is not requesting any new money; this is just an accounting change. He explained he has an employee retiring soon and they are paid from the Reassessment Fund #1224. Instead of replacing this position, he would like to hire a position to help with Personal Property. Personal Property is not a valid expense in the Reassessment Fund, so he would like to move an existing position from the General Fund to the now vacant position in the Reassessment Fund and change the title accordingly. He also added the salary for both positions are the exact same.

Mrs. Graves moved to approve the request as presented. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

(10a) 1224.11280.00000.0322 Sales Disclosure Clerk – change title to Property Sales Analyst

11. General Fund (#1001-0109) Assessor

Mr. Watkins was also present for these title change requests, noting there was a slight error on the agenda. Account 11281 should be *Property Sales Analyst* – change title to Personal Property Specialist. He stated the reasoning is what he just explained in item C10. The title change request from GIS Manager/Data Analyst to GIS/Data Technician is because this position is no longer managing people and he felt like the title should have the word “Manager” removed to reflect that.

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the requests as presented. Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

(11a) 1001.11281.00000.0109 - ~~Personal Property Specialist~~ Property Sales Analyst– change title to Personal Property Specialist

(11b) 1001.18204.00000.0109 – GIS Manager/Data Analyst - change title to GIS/Data Technician

D. Other Business

1. Appointment to the Greenwood Public Library Board

Mrs. Burton stated there were 3 applications for this position. She then asked each of them to come before the board to state their name and give a little bit of information about themselves. The applicants were: Lauren Harmon, David McCaskill, and David Penoff (note: David Penoff was unable to attend in person).

Cheryl Dobbs, Director of the Greenwood Public Library was also present to answer any questions the Council members may have.

Ms. Griesemer made a motion to appoint David Penoff to the Greenwood Public Library Board. Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried 4-2 (by a roll call vote); Mr. Bates and Mrs. Burton both voted nay.

E. Old & New Business

1. Approval of Ordinance 2025-03: Amending 2024 Annual Salary Ordinance

Tiffany Costley, County Attorney, stated this amendment was for the part time mechanic in the Fleet budget.

Mr. Bates made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-03 as presented. Mrs. Graves seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

1.5 Approval of Ordinance 2025-04: Amending 2025 Annual Salary Ordinance

Mrs. Costley stated this amendment was for all of the changes approved from November 2024 through January 2025.

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-04 as presented. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

2. Council Liaison List

Mrs. Burton asked if any special requests were made to this list.

Mrs. Thompson replied there was one change: Mr. Ditmars gave up the Board of Commissioners to Mrs. Graves and she gave up the Highway to Mr. Ditmars.

Mr. Myers requested Mrs. Thompson to add contact information of the departments to this list so the Council members know who to contact.

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the 2025 Council Liaison list as presented. Mrs. Graves seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

3. Discussion of EDIT Revenue Bonding

Mr. Mastin was present and reviewed a powerpoint with the Council regarding the Johnson County EDIT & General Fund bonding for Capital Road and Bridge Projects. The powerpoint started with a recap of the Capital Projects Needs Report given in 2022, which totaled about \$382 million for all projects needed for safety and higher traffic volume. Secondly, he discussed the available revenue sources, which included: local savings, federal aid funds (grants), Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT), and the Jail LIT/General Fund. After discussions at that time, it was decided to transfer eligible General Fund expenditures to the Jail LIT (because the Jail LIT can not be used to pay for road projects) and to set aside \$4 million each year in the General Fund annually toward Road Capital Projects. The main project would be the Smith Valley Road project, which had an estimated cost of \$55 million. After further discussion with both the Council and the Commissioners, discussion of bonding was held in order to expedite other projects (and not just focus on the Smith Valley Road project). Next, Mr. Mastin reviewed a potential bonding scenario, which was for \$140 million over about a 20 year period. Lastly, he reviewed an updated list of projects with expected costs and timelines.

Brief discussion was held regarding the current legislative discussions being held. More information and planning will be made once this legislative session is over.

Mrs. Burton thanked Mr. Mastin for his information.

F. Adjournment – *Next regular meeting March 10, 2025*

There being no further business, Mr. Mallers moved to adjourn. Ms. Griesemer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

February 10, 2025 – Regular Meeting Minutes



Pamela Burton, Council President



Michele Ann Graves, Council Vice-President

absent

Jonathan T. Myers, Council Member

Melinda Griesemer
Melinda Griesemer, Council Member

John M. Mellers
John Mellers, Council Member

John Ditmars
John Ditmars, Council Member

Ron Bates
Ron Bates, Council Member

Attest:

Elizabeth A. Alvey
Elizabeth A. Alvey, Johnson County Auditor