

**2026 Budget Hearings – First & Second Readings -
September 2nd, 4th, and 11th, 2025 &
Binding Recommendations for Special Taxing Units – September 11th, 2025.**

Council Attendance for first day of first reading on September 2nd: Pamela Burton, Jonathan T. Myers, Melinda Griesemer, John Mallers, Michele Ann Graves, and John Ditmars were present. Ron Bates arrived around 2:37pm.

Council Attendance for second day of first reading on September 4th: Pamela Burton, Jonathan T. Myers, Melinda Griesemer, John Mallers, Michele Ann Graves, John Ditmars, and Ron Bates were present.

Council Attendance for second reading & public hearing of binding recommendations on September 11th: Pamela Burton, Jonathan T. Myers, John Mallers, Michele Ann Graves, John Ditmars, and Ron Bates were present. Melinda Griesemer was absent.

Presentation from Mike Reuter – Financial Consultant

Mr. Reuter was present to review the updated fiscal plan. He noted the fiscal plan now includes the actual numbers as requested by the departments for their 2026 budgets. The revenue has been updated to reflect the first six months of 2025 actual collections, and he has re-forecasted miscellaneous revenues. He stated the maximum levy has been certified at 4.0%. He stated they have also received the 2026 LIT certifications. He has all of the revenue pieces built into the fiscal plan and all of the expenditures are based on the numbers as submitted by the departments, noting any cuts made would be added back to the bottom line of what is listed in the fiscal plan.

Secondly, Mr. Reuter reviewed the Six Year Non-Farm Personal Income Growth Factor (*which is based on income taxes*). He stated this has been certified with a 4% increase. This factor limits you on how much you can collect in property taxes (maximum levy) for your operating funds. Mr. Reuter noted that the majority of the units in the state (which includes cities, towns, libraries, townships, etc.), will be limited to the 4%. The only way to go above the 4%, is if your assessed value (AV) is growing 2% faster than the state's average (based on a three year average), then you qualify mathematically for a growth appeal. He noted the County has qualified for an appeal for the last several years, and mathematically, it qualifies again next year in the amount of \$1,914,499. However, the Department of Local Government and Finance (DLGF) has recently sent out a memo in regards to appeals and the tone is pretty bold in such that they are going to be very particular when processing the appeals this year. He noted it was the intent of the legislatures to eliminate growth appeals moving forward; however, due to timing issues (*effective date of SEA 1 being January 1, 2026; whereas the DLGF must certify budgets by December 31, 2025*), appeals are still allowed for pay 2026. Mr. Reuter added he feels like the County has a good case with all of the substantial highway projects it's facing and the need is there. He then referenced the DLGF memo, which states they are taking a deeper dive into the financial status of the unit and are requiring more detailed explanations and documentation supporting the appeal.

Thirdly, Mr. Reuter discussed the County's assessed valuation (AV) for 2025 pay 2026. He briefly touched on how the recent legislative changes effected assessments, but noted the AV still increased by 12.3 %, which is really strong.

Next, Mr. Reuter talked about the Local Option Income Tax (LIT). He stated the new certified number (countywide) for 2026 is \$68,149,535, which is an increase of 4.5%. The County's portion of this in 2025 was 29.58%; it has slightly increased in 2026 at 29.85%. He stated this is a result of the recent levy appeals (because right now LIT is based on Property Tax). He noted if they don't get the appeal approved in 2026, then the County's LIT portion could decrease in 2027 as a result. Mr. Reuter then stated for 2028, there will be a whole new LIT model.

Mr. Reuter then briefly reviewed the following funds:

- **General Fund** – *This fund shows a structural deficit for 2026 of \$6,514,336. He reminded the Council how they have strategically been saving \$4 million annually for road projects (the total appropriations would then be \$12 million for 2026). So, if you add back \$8 million (cash unspent from 2025), this fund would be in balance; however, it is also under the assumption that we get the appeal approved at almost \$2 million. He emphasized there were a few moving parts going on here. Overall, this fund is in a good cash position, with a cash balance of \$39,894,342 at the end of 2026.*
- **Property Reassessment** – *As the budget is currently submitted, it is out of balance by \$280,250, but this can be absorbed by the cash balance currently in this fund. He stated there were a few positions that are being advertised in both this fund and the General Fund; moving a few positions is probably a good idea, as it will help the cash balance in the future.*
- **Animal Shelter** – *This budget has its own rate and property tax levy, but it does share part of the maximum levy which affects the General Fund. He usually plugs in enough levy to balance this fund, and leave it with sufficient cash.*
- **Rainy Day** – *This fund has a \$5,513,017 cash balance. These funds are mostly used for one-time expenses.*
- **Highway** – *This fund is showing out of balance by \$77,699; however, it has sufficient cash to cover that. The cash balance at the end of 2026 is estimated to be \$7,587,684.*
- **Local Road & Street** – *This budget is in balance and has a cash balance of \$2,737,982.*
- **Cumulative Bridge** – *This fund is new (again) for 2026. He noted if the proposed budget of \$3 million is approved, it will take more than property tax to fund it due to the loss of the circuit breaker and homestead credit. He will need to increase the levy closer to \$3.3 million to get enough money to fund this budget; this increase in levy will lower the levy in the General Fund.*
- **Health** – *This fund is similar to Animal Shelter, as far as sharing the maximum levy with the General Fund. The budget is in balance and has a really good, strong cash balance. This fund is estimated to have a cash balance of \$1,556,764 at the end of 2026.*
- **Cumulative Capital Development (CCD)** – *This fund is in balance by \$1,901,263 and the cash balance at the end of 2026 shows \$9,969,183. (note: there may be some bridge expenses being encumbered from 2025 that will be paid from here in 2026)*
- **Bond 3** – *Currently in the process of replacing this bond with a \$5.5 million bond (to be paid off in two years); anticipating on keeping the same tax rate.*
- **LIT Fund (Jail Costs)** – *This budget is showing in balance at \$408,310. This will also allow the debt payment to be paid from this fund.*
- **Statewide E911** – *This budget is out of balance by \$555,855. There are more expenditures than revenue; he suggests moving expenses to the General Fund soon, as he is also showing the cash being in the red at the end of 2026 by \$125,641. He also suggested adopting a PSAP LIT sometime in the future.*

- **EDIT Tax** – *This budget is showing out of balance by \$8,576,296 by design; the appropriation is for road projects, and the money won't be spent yet.*
- **Food & Beverage** – *This budget is showing out of balance by \$1,911,960; it includes the one-time pay out of the stipends plus fica and PERF and also \$1 million for health insurance (was advertised this way for flexibility; also budgeted in the General Fund). This fund will have a cash balance of \$702,354 at the end of 2026; it receives revenue monthly.*
- **Combined General Fund, EDIT, and Food & Beverage** - *These budgets together are showing out of balance by \$17,002,592; however, \$12,000,000 in the General Fund and \$15,000,000 in the EDIT Fund are earmarked for future road projects.*

Lastly, Mr. Reuter reviewed the tax rates; it is modeled to remain flat. However, the following year, instead of trying to keep tax rates flat, the focus will be on the levy. In summary, everything looks good. The only factors to keep an eye on are the legislative changes and the status of the appeal.

The Council members thanked Mr. Reuter for his time and information.

The Council then started reviewing the individual budgets.

#1001(0129) – Community Mental Health Center

Jennifer Disbro, Vice President Community and Social Services, and Laura Barrett, Vice President Behavioral Health Services, were both present on first reading to review their 2026 proposed budget. They presented a brief power point titled “FY 2025 Report”. There was no one present on second reading.

First Reading

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mrs. Graves seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#8229 – 10.557 WIC Program 2025-2026

Tracy Smith, Coordinator, and Angela Larkin, Breast Feeding Coordinator, were both present on first reading to review this proposed budget for 2026.

First Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as presented with the following changes (to match the WIS study):

- 8229.11422.00000.0215 – Clinic Assistant – reduce to \$44,936
- 8229.11423.00000.0215 – Clinic Assistant (1) – increase to \$44,936
- 8229.12852.00000.0215 – Coordinator – reduce to \$76,518
- 8229.13203.00000.0215 – Registered Dietician (2) – reduce to \$63,980
- 8229.13204.00000.0215 – Registered Dietician (3) – reduce to \$61,425
- 8229.13205.00000.0215 – WIC Nutritionist – reduce to \$61,425
- 8229.13206.00000.0215 – WIC Nutritionist (2) – reduce to \$61,425

8229.13207.00000.0215 – WIC Nutritionist (3) – reduce to \$61,425
8229.13208.00000.0215 – WIC Nutritionist (4) – reduce to 61,425
8229.13209.00000.0215 – Lactation Consultant – reduce to \$53,333
8229.13210.00000.0215 – Shelby County Manager – reduce to \$68,250
8229.13211.00000.0215 – Greenwood Clinic Manager – reduce to \$68,250
8229.13212.00000.0215 – Clinic Assistant (2) – increase to \$44,936

Ms. Griesemer seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as resubmitted on second reading. Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion that carried 6-0.

#1001(0116) – Cooperative Extension

Heather Dougherty, 4-H and Youth Development Extension Educator, was present for both readings to review this proposed 2026 budget.

First Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Mallers seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading with the following change:

1001.11802.00000.0116 – Intern – increase to 5,850 (due to countywide part time rate increasing)

Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1001(0130) – Soil & Water

Kathy Haste, District Program Coordinator, was present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Ms. Griesemer seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1157(0128) – County Park

Kevin Leonard, Park Superintendent, was present for both readings to review this proposed budget for 2026.

First Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading, with no title changes. Ms. Griesemer seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1178 – Park Non-Reverting-Capital

Mr. Leonard was also present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Ms. Griesemer seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1179 – Park Non-Reverting-Operating

Mr. Leonard was also present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Ms. Griesemer seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1159 – Health Department

Betsy Swearingen, Director, was present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1161 – Local Public Health Services

Mrs. Swearingen was present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1168 – Health Maintenance

Mrs. Swearingen was present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1206 – Tobacco Settlement

Mrs. Swearingen was present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1157(0107) – Coroner

Mike Pruitt, Coroner, was present on first reading to review this 2026 proposed budget. Derek Wilson, Chief Deputy Coroner, was present on second reading.

Brief discussion was held regarding the salary of the Elected Official and the Chief Deputy compared to the WIS study.

First Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading, with the following changes:

1157.11100.00000.0107 – Elected Official – reduce to \$36,669

1157.11198.00000.0107 – Chief Deputy - Coroner – reduce to \$18,683

1157.36200.00000.0107 – Communications – reduce to \$2,163

Mr. Mallers seconded the motion, which carried 5-1; Mr. Myers voted nay.

Second Reading

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1001(0139) – Unified Courts

Shena Johnson, Court Administrator, was present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading, with the following change:

1001.16921.00000.0139 – Program Therapist (1) – reduce to \$0 (moving to 1001-0213 budget)

Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1200(0131) – Supp Public Defender-Circuit Ct

Mrs. Johnson was also present on both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1200(0133) – Supp Public Defender-Sup Ct 2

Mrs. Johnson was present on both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1200(0134) – Supp Public Defender-Sup Ct 3

Mrs. Johnson was present on both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#2501(0131) – User Fee/Jury-Circuit Court

Mrs. Johnson was present on both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#2501(0132) – User Fee/Jury-Sup Ct 1

Mrs. Johnson was present on both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#2501(0133) – User Fee/Jury-Sup Ct 2

Mrs. Johnson was present on both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#2501(0134) – User Fee/Jury-Sup Ct 3

Mrs. Johnson was present on both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#2501(0136) – User Fee/Jury-Magistrate Ct

Mrs. Johnson was present on both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#2501(0145) – User Fee/Jury-Sup Ct 4

Mrs. Johnson was present on both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#2201 – ADR Fund

Mrs. Johnson was also present on both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1213 – CASA/GAL

Mrs. Johnson was also present on both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mrs. Graves seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#4917 – CASA User Fee Fund

Mrs. Johnson was also present on both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mrs. Graves seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#4111 – VASIA Donation

Lauren Rynerson, Director, was present on both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#4203 – VASIA Guardianship Fees

Mrs. Rynerson was also present on both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading, with the following changes:

4203.11480.00000.0454 – Supp-VASIA Director – reduce to \$0
4203.11481.00000.0454 – Supp – VASIA Asst Director – reduce to \$0
4203.14200.00000.0454 – Fica-Social Security – reduce to \$0
4203.14300.00000.0454 – PERF – reduce to \$0

Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mr. Jonathan T. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1001(0140) – Juvenile Detention Center

Kristi Bruther, Director, was present for both readings to review this proposed budget for 2026.

Brief discussion was held regarding the request for two new positions.

First Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading, with the following changes:

1001.11771.00000.0140 – Mental Health Specialist – reduce to \$0
1001.12644.00000.0140 – Quality Assurance – reduce to \$0

Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion, which carried 5-1; Mr. Myers voted nay.

Second Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1001(0138) – Unified Probation

Angela Morris, Director/Chief Probation Officer, was present for both readings to review this proposed budget for 2026. Steve Kermode, Assistant Director, was also present on first reading.

First Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading, with the following change:

1001.19900.00000.0138 – Overtime – reduce to \$11,800

Ms. Myers seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

#8225 – 93.788 SIM Grant 2026

Mrs. Morris and Mr. Kermode were also present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Mallers seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

#9176 – Problem Solving Court Juv 2026

Mrs. Morris and Mr. Kermode were also present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Mallers seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

#9177 – Reentry Court 2026

Mrs. Morris and Mr. Kermode were also present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Mallers seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

#9178 – Mental Health Court 2026

Mrs. Morris and Mr. Kermode were also present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Mallers seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

#9179 – Drug Court Adult 2026

Mrs. Morris and Mr. Kermode were also present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Mallers seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

#9188 – Veterans Court 2026

Mrs. Morris and Mr. Kermode were also present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Mallers seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

#2001 – Adult Probation Adm Fees

Mrs. Morris and Mr. Kermode were also present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Mallers seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

#2101 – Supp Adult Prob Service

Mrs. Morris and Mr. Kermode were also present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Mallers seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

#2502 – Alcohol & Drug

Mrs. Morris and Mr. Kermode were also present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

#1001(0159) – Comm Corr/ Adult

Mrs. Morris and Mr. Kermode were also present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading, with the following change:

1001.11769.00000.0159 – Mental Health Specialist – increase to \$83,708

Mr. Mallers seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

#1233 (0159) – LIT Correct/Rehab Fac (Comm Corr)

Mrs. Morris and Mr. Kermode were also present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Mallers seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

#9152 – Comm Corr Adult Grant 2026

Mrs. Morris and Mr. Kermode were also present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as resubmitted on first reading. Mr. Myers seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

#1122 – Comm Corr Adult Project Income

Mrs. Morris and Mr. Kermode were also present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

#1001 (0213) – Comm Corr Juvenile

Lori Meyers, Director, and Damon Cox, Assistant Director, were present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading, with the following changes:

1001.11770.00000.0213 – Behavioral Health Specialist – increase to \$69,300

1001.16921.00000.0213 – Program Therapist (1) – increase to \$85,000 (moved from 1001-0139 budget)

Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading, with the following changes:

1001.16900.00000.0213 – Shift Differential Pay – reduce to \$0

1001.16902.00000.0213 – Stipend-On Call – increase to \$2,000

Mr. Ditmar seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#4950 – Comm Corr Juvenile Project Income

Ms. Meyers and Mr. Cox were also present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Second Reading

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1001(0108) – Prosecuting Attorney

Lance Hamner, Prosecutor, and Michelle Murray, Office Administrator, were present on both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

Brief discussion was held regarding the requested salaries compared to the salaries from the WIS study and the request for the new positions.

First Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading, with the following changes (changing salaries to match the WIS study):

1001.11025.00000.0108 – Deputy Prosecutor (12) – reduce to \$103,207
1001.11026.00000.0108 – Deputy Prosecutor (13) – reduce to \$99,820
1001.11028.00000.0108 – Deputy Prosecutor (15) – reduce to \$124,000
1001.11029.00000.0108 – Deputy Prosecutor (16) – reduce to \$124,000
1001.11030.00000.0108 – Deputy Prosecutor (17) – reduce to \$124,000
1001.11032.00000.0108 – Deputy Prosecutor (19) - reduce to \$0
1001.11210.00000.0108 – Deputy Prosecutor (7) – increase to \$107,989
1001.11373.00000.0108 – Deputy Prosecutor (6) – reduce to \$111,869
1001.11374.00000.0108 – Deputy Prosecutor (1) – reduce to \$107,603
1001.11375.00000.0108 – Deputy Prosecutor (2) – reduce to \$107,063
1001.11376.00000.0108 – Deputy Prosecutor (3) – reduce to \$101,996
1001.11377.00000.0108 – Deputy Prosecutor (4) – increase to \$104,048
1001.11378.00000.0108 – Deputy Prosecutor (5) – reduce to \$107,276
1001.11410.00000.0108 – Legal Assistant/Paralegal (6) – reduce to \$54,807
1001.11411.00000.0108 – Legal Assistant/Paralegal (1) – reduce to \$52,490
1001.11413.00000.0108 – Legal Assistant/Paralegal (9) – reduce to \$26,245
1001.11414.00000.0108 – Legal Assistant/Paralegal (4) – reduce to \$52,490
1001.11415.00000.0108 – Legal Assistant/Paralegal (5) – reduce to \$52,490
1001.11424.00000.0108 – Legal Assistant/Paralegal (7) – reduce to \$56,949
1001.11428.00000.0108 – Legal Assistant/Paralegal (8) – reduce to \$52,490
1001.11462.00000.0108 – Legal Assistant/Paralegal (2) – reduce to \$52,490
1001.11550.00000.0108 – Victim Advocate – reduce to \$60,103
1001.11616.00000.0108 – Diversion Coordinator – reduce to \$56,765
1001.11706.00000.0108 – Legal Assistant/Paralegal (10) – reduce to \$26,245
1001.11715.00000.0108 – Legal Assistant/Paralegal (12) – reduce to \$52,490
1001.11716.00000.0108 – Legal Assistant/Paralegal (11) – reduce to \$52,490
1001.11717.00000.0108 – Legal Assistant/Paralegal (13) – reduce to \$52,490

1001.11718.00000.0108 – Legal Assistant/Paralegal (14) – reduce to \$52,490
1001.11719.00000.0108 – Legal Assistant/Paralegal (15) – reduce to \$52,490
1001.11722.00000.0108 – Legal Assistant/Paralegal (16) – reduce to \$52,490
1001.11800.00000.0108 – Office Administrator – reduce to \$32,258
1001.19900.00000.0108 – Overtime – reduce to \$5,000

Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion which carried 6-1; Ms. Griesemer voted nay. *(note: Mr. Bates was now present and voted on this budget)*

Second Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as resubmitted on second reading, with the following change:

1001.11810.00000.0108 – Investigator (2) – increase to \$75,048

Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1001(0118) – Prosecutor IV-D

Mr. Hamner and Mrs. Murray were also present on both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading, with the following changes:

1001.11020.00000.0118 – Deputy Prosecutor (9) – reduce to \$107,266
1001.11413.00000.0118 – Legal Assistant/Paralegal (9) – reduce to \$26,245
1001.11706.00000.0118 – Legal Assistant/Paralegal (10) – reduce to \$26,245
1001.11800.00000.0118 – Office Administrator – reduce to \$32,258
1001.11808.00000.0118 – Investigator – reduce to \$75,048
1001.13500.00000.0118 – IV-D Case Manager – reduce to \$52,500
1001.13501.00000.0118 – IV-D Case Manager (1) – reduce to \$51,070
1001.13502.00000.0118 – IV-D Case Manager (2) – reduce to \$48,626
1001.13503.00000.0118 – IV-D Case Manager (3) – reduce to \$50,642
1001.13504.00000.0118 – IV-D Case Manager (4) – reduce to \$49,949
1001.13505.00000.0118 – IV-D Case Manager (5) – reduce to \$49,568
1001.13506.00000.0118 – IV-D Case Manager (6) – reduce to \$51,314
1001.19900.00000.0118 – Overtime – reduce to \$4,000

Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion which carried 6-1; Ms. Griesemer voted nay.

Second Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as resubmitted on second reading. Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#2508 – Prosecutor Deferral Program

Mr. Hamner and Mrs. Murray were also present on both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mr. Mallers seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#2509 – Pretrial Diversion

Mr. Hamner and Mrs. Murray were also present on both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mr. Myers seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1001(0105) – Sheriff

Duane Burgess, Sheriff, and Andy Barnhart, Chief Deputy, were present on both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

Discussion was held regarding the salaries and the proposed merit rank pay. Mrs. Burton stated they were not approving longevity at this time.

First Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading, with the following changes:

*1001.11211.00000.0105 – Major (1) – increase to \$98,583
1001.11212.00000.0105 – Major (2) - increase to \$98,583
1001.11350.00000.0105 – Merit Lieutenant (1) – increase to \$90,861
1001.11351.00000.0105 – Merit Lieutenant (2) – increase to \$90,861
1001.11352.00000.0105 – Merit Lieutenant (3) – increase to \$90,861
1001.11353.00000.0105 – Merit Lieutenant (4) – increase to \$90,861
1001.11354.00000.0105 – Merit Lieutenant (5) – increase to \$90,861
1001.11355.00000.0105 – Merit Lieutenant (6) – increase to \$90,861
1001.11398.00000.0105 – Sheriff's Clerk (2) – reduce to 48,649
1001.11441.00000.0105 – Correctional Sergeant (1) – reduce to \$85,554
1001.11442.00000.0105 – Merit Sergeant (2) – reduce to \$85,554
1001.11443.00000.0105 – Merit Sergeant (3) – reduce to \$85,554
1001.11444.00000.0105 – Merit Sergeant (4) – reduce to \$85,554
1001.11445.00000.0105 – Merit Sergeant (5) – reduce to \$85,554
1001.12800.00000.0105 – IT-System Administrator – reduce to \$75,513
And to send additional information to WIS for two job description reviews now*

Mr. Deer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as resubmitted on second reading, with the following change:

1001.17300.00000.0105 – Merit Rank Pay – reduce to \$0

Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1001(0124) – LIT Correctional/Rehab Fac (Jail)

Mr. Burgess and Mr. Barnhart were also present on both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading, with the following changes:

1001.36102.00000.0124 – Contractual Services – reduce to \$169,331

Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1156 – Firearms Training

Mr. Burgess and Mr. Barnhart were also present on both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1192 – JC Sheriff's Sex Offender Fee

Mr. Burgess and Mr. Barnhart were also present on both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1233(0124) – Jail

Mr. Burgess and Mr. Barnhart were also present on both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading, with the following changes:

1233.11211.00000.0124 – Major (1) – increase to \$98,583

1233.11608.00000.0124 – Maintenance Supervisor – reduce to \$60,684

1233.12095.00000.0124 – Maintenance (1) – reduce to \$50,778

1233.12096.00000.0124 – Maintenance (2) – reduce to \$50,778
1233.12901.00000.0124 – Sheriff's Clerk (6) – reduce to \$48,649

Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as revised on second reading, with the following changes:

1233.17300.00000.0124 – Merit Rank Pay – reduce to \$0
1233.36102.00000.0124 – Contractual Services – increase to \$430,669

Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1001(0155) – Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)

Mr. Burgess and Mr. Barnhart were also present on both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1155 – Extradition

Mr. Burgess and Mr. Barnhart were also present on both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1175 – County Misdemeanant

Mr. Burgess and Mr. Barnhart were also present on both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1001(0122) – Board of Commissioners

Ron West, Commissioner, was present for both readings to review this proposed budget for 2026.

Brian Baird, Commissioner, was present for first reading. Kevin Walls, Commissioner, was present for the second reading.

First Reading

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1138(0122) – Cumulative Capital Dev-Commissioners

Mr. West was also present on both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget. Mr. Baird was also present on first reading and Mr. Walls was present on second reading.

First Reading

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1157(0122) – Food & Beverage-Commissioners

Mr. West was also present on both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget. Mr. Baird was also present on first reading and Mr. Walls was present on second reading.

First Reading

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading, with the following change:

1157.14400.00000.0122 – Emp Group Health Insurance – reduce to \$0

Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#4702 – Employee Group Self-Funded Health Ins

Mr. West was also present on both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget. Mr. Baird was also present on first reading and Mr. Walls was present on second reading.

First Reading

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#4112 – JC Redevelopment Commission

Commissioner West was also present on both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget. Mr. Walls was also present on second reading.

First Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1001(0120) – Veterans Office

Megan Brown, Director, was present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mrs. Graves seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1157(0121) – Weights & Measures

Greg Nelson, Director, was present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Bates made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mrs. Graves seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#4202 – Weights & Measures Ord Fines

Mr. Nelson was also present for both readings to review this proposed budget for 2026.

First Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Bates made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mrs. Graves seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1001(0125) – Museum

David Pfeiffer, Director, was present on first reading only to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Bates made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1001(0127) – Emergency Management

Stephanie Sighting, Director, was present on first reading only to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1152 – Local Emerg Planning/Right to Know

Ms. Sighting was also present on first reading only to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1157(0117) – Planning & Zoning

Michele Hansard, Director, was present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mrs. Graves seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Myers moved to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mrs. Graves seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1207(0117) – Unsafe Building

Michele Hansard, Director, was present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mrs. Graves seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Myers moved to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mrs. Graves seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1197 – Storm Water Management

Mrs. Hansard was also present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mrs. Graves seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Myers moved to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mrs. Graves seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#4901 – Inspection Fees-New Subdiv

Mrs. Hansard was also present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mrs. Graves seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Myers moved to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mrs. Graves seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1001(0123) – Courthouse

Jason Miller, Director, was present on both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mrs. Graves seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1138(0123) – Cumulative Capital Dev-Courthouse Maint

Jason Miller, Director, was present on both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mrs. Graves seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1138(0141) – Cumulative Capital Dev-IT/GIS

Jeff West, IT/GIS Administrator, was present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mr. Mallers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1001(0144) – Fleet

Bob Golinski, Director, was present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

Brief discussion was held regarding the salaries and specific job duties of the Foreman and Mechanic positions. Commissioner West and Commissioner Baird also spoke on these.

First Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading, with the following changes (to match WIS study):

1001.12230.00000.0144 – Foreman – reduce to \$60,684

1001.12301.00000.0144 – Mechanic – reduce to \$56,977

Mr. Mallers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1001(0911) – Public Safety Communications

Heath Brant, Director, was present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading, with the following change:

1001.11388.00000.0911 – Deputy Director – increase to \$85,402 (moved from fund #1222)

Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1222 – Johnson County 911

Mr. Brant was also present for both readings to review this proposed budget for 2026.

First Reading

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading, with the following changes:

1222.10000.00000.0911 – Director – reduce to \$0 (moved to fund #1001-0911)

1222.11388.00000.0911 – Deputy Director – reduce to \$0 (moved to fund #1001-0911)

Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1001(0201) – Highway

Luke Mastin, Highway Supervisor, was present for both readings to review this proposed budget for 2026.

Brief discussion was held regarding the financial structure for Smith Valley Road.

First Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading, with the following change:

1001.49152.00000.0201 – Smith Valley Road – reduce to \$700,000

1001.30000.00000.0201 – Bond Payment – increase to \$3,300,000 (new)

Mrs. Graves seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1112 – LIT Economic Development

Mr. Mastin was also present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading, with the following change:

1112.49152.00000.0201 – Smith Valley Road – reduce to \$0

Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1176 – Highway & #1173 MVH Restricted

Mr. Mastin was also present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

**NOTE: fund #1173 is a sub-fund of #1176 (SBOA wants them separate; DLGF views them as one fund)*

First Reading (fund #1173)

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

First Reading (fund #1176)

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading (fund #1173)

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Second Reading (fund #1176)

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1169 – Local Road & Street

Mr. Mastin was also present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Myes made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1135 – Cumulative Bridge

Mr. Mastin was also present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#4008 – Animal Shelter

Cari Klotzsche, Director, was present on both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading, with the following changes:

4008.11115.00000.0219 – Animal Warden – change title to “Director”
4008.11362.00000.0219 – Community Cat Coordinator – change title to “Cat Coordinator”
4008.11400.00000.0219 – Part Time – reduce to \$90,000
4008.31500.00000.0219 – Travel & Training – reduce to \$7,100

Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading, with the following changes:

4008.14200.00000.0219 – Fica-Social Security – reduce to \$79,061
4008.14300.00000.0219 – PERF – reduce to \$105,670

Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#2510 – LECE Animal Control

Mrs. Klotzsche was also present on both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Mallers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#2516 – Animal Control Deferral Prog

Mrs. Klotzsche was also present on both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Mallers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#4101 – Animal Shelter General Donation

Mrs. Klotzsche was also present on both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Mallers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#4122 – LaTour Memorial Fund

Mrs. Klotzsche was also present on both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Mallers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#4915 – Animal Adoption Fee

Mrs. Klotzsche was also present on both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Ms. Griesemer made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Mallers seconded the motion, which carried 5-0.

Second Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1001(0101) – Clerk

Trena McLaughlin, Clerk, was present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mrs. Graves seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Bates made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1001(0114) – Election Board

Mrs. McLaughlin was also present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

Brief discussion was held regarding the First Deputy position in this budget; the Clerk has a Chief Deputy and a First Deputy – which is unique.

First Reading

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion, which carried 5-2; Mrs. Burton and Mrs. Graves both voted nay.

Second Reading

Mr. Bates made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1119 – Clerk’s Perpetuation Fund

Mrs. McLaughlin was also present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Bates made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1217(0101) – Elected Officials Training-Clerk

Mrs. McLaughlin was also present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Bates made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1001(0109) – County Assessor

Mike Watkins, Assessor, was present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading, with the following change:

1001.11281.00000.0109 – Personal Property Specialist - increase to \$48,282 (left off in error)

Mrs. Graves seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1131 – County Sales Disclosure Fee Fund

Mr. Watkins was also present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mrs. Graves seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1224 – Property Reassessment

Mr. Watkins was also present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mrs. Graves seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1157(0102) – Auditor

Elizabeth A. Alvey, Auditor, was present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1216 – Auditors Ineligible Deductions

Mrs. Alvey was also present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1217(0102) – Elected Officials Training-Auditor

Mrs. Alvey was also present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1181 – Auditors Plat Map Maintenance

Mrs. Alvey was also present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1157(0103) – Treasurer

Kim Hamilton, Treasurer, was present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mrs. Graves seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Mallers seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1217(0103) – Elected Officials Training-Treasurer

Mrs. Hamilton was also present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mrs. Graves seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Mallers seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1154 – Enhanced Access

Teresa Petro, Recorder, was present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1160 – Identification Security Protection

Ms. Petro was also present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1217(0104) – Elected Officials Training-Recorder

Ms. Petro was also present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1189 – Recorder's Perpetuation

Ms. Petro was also present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1157(0106) – Surveyor

Gregg Cantwell, Surveyor, was present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

Brief discussion was held regarding the salaries of the Elected Surveyor position and the Chief Deputy; in particular the wages of a licensed surveyor, verses a non-license surveyor.

First Reading

Ms. Griesmer made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading, with the following changes:

1157.11100.00000.0106 – Elected Official – reduce to \$66,360

1157.11200.00000.0106 – Chief Deputy – reduce to \$65,276

Mrs. Graves seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1217(0106) – Elected Officials Training-Surveyor

Mr. Cantwell was also present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Ms. Griesemer made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mrs. Graves seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#4905 – JC Surveyor Certification ABPF

Mr. Cantwell was also present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Ms. Griesemer made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mrs. Graves seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1157(0119) – Drainage Board

Mr. Cantwell was also present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Ms. Griesemer made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading, with the following change (to match the WIS study):

1157.11105.00000.0119 – Inspector – increase to \$59,721

Mrs. Graves seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as resubmitted on second reading. Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1202 – Surveyor Corner Perpetuation Fund

Mr. Cantwell was also present for both readings to review this 2026 proposed budget.

First Reading

Ms. Griesemer made a motion to approve the budget as submitted on first reading. Mrs. Graves seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1157(0135) – Council

Brief discussion was held regarding the one-time stipend pay going to be paid to those employees that did not get a raise from the recent WIS study. It was determined that the employees had to be

employed continuously beginning July 1, 2025 and still be employed when the stipend was going to be paid out in March 2026. Also, the amount of the stipend would be up to \$1,500 (employees would either get \$1,500 if they didn't get a raise from the WIS study, or they would get the difference of the raise and \$1,500). Mr. Myers stated he would rather see money put into salaries instead of a one-time payout.

Stipends

Mr. Bates made a motion to approve the \$1,500 stipends, with the guidelines listed above (and pending any legal input). Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion, which carried 6-1; Mr. Myers voted nay.

First Reading

Mr. Mallers moved to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-1; Mr. Myers voted nay.

Second Reading

Mrs. Burton moved to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Mallers seconded the motion, which carried 5-1; Mr. Myers voted nay.

#1217(0135) – Elected Officials Training-Council

First Reading

Mr. Mallers moved to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-1; Mr. Myers voted nay.

Second Reading

Mr. Mallers moved to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1233(0135) – LIT Correctional/Rehab Facilities (Council)

First Reading

Mr. Mallers moved to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-1; Mr. Myers voted nay.

Second Reading

Mr. Mallers moved to approve the budget as approved on first reading, with the following change:

1233.30135.00000.0135 – Council Appropriations – reduce to \$0

Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1001(0135) – General (Council)

First Reading

Mr. Mallers moved to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-1; Mr. Myers voted nay.

Second Reading

Mr. Mallers moved to approve the budget as approved on first reading, with the following change:

1001.30135.00000.0135 – Council Appropriations – reduce to \$0

Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#4618 – Bond 3

First Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Mallers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

#1233 – LIT Correctional/Rehab

First Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as presented on first reading. Mr. Mallers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mr. Ditmars made a motion to approve the budget as approved on first reading. Mrs. Graves seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Part-time Rates & Board Per Diems & Specialty Pays

Brief discussion was held regarding the part-time rates. It was decided to approve all of the part-time rates, board per diems, and specialty pays as presented on first reading and for the departments and their liaisons to communicate and more discussion will be held at second reading.

Amy Thompson, First Deputy Auditor, noted the standard minimum rate proposed is \$12.00 per hour; if that is approved, then some departments will need to change their range to make their minimum the same.

First Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve all 2026 part time rates, board per diems, and specialty pays as presented on first reading. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second Reading

Mrs. Graves made a motion to approve all 2026 part time rates, board per diems, and specialty pays as approved on first reading, with the following change:

Part-Time Rates

- *Clerk – 1001-0101 – increase minimum rate to \$12/hour*
- *Clerk/Election Board – 1001-0114 – increase minimum rate to \$12.00/hour*
- *Clerk's Perpetuation – 1119-0313 – increase minimum rate to \$12.00/hour*
- *Co-operative Extension – 1001-0116 – increase minimum rate to \$12.00/hour*
- *Coroner – 1157-0107 – revert to all of the 2025 rates*
- *Courts/Unified – 1001-0139 – increase minimum rate to \$15.00/hour and remove the \$30.00/hour for Law Clerks*
- *Recorder's Perpetuation – 1189-0277 – increase minimum rate to \$12/hour*
- *Unified Probation/Supp Adult Prob Svs – change hourly rates to \$15.00, \$17.00, \$18.00, and \$21.00*

Shift Differential Pay

- *Coroner – 1157-0107 – On call stipend reverts back to the 2025 amount of \$70.00*

Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Binding Recommendations (Public Hearing) for the Special Taxing Units 2026

Budgets:

Solid Waste District

Jessie Biggerman, Director, and Jeff Peters, Financial Advisor, were present to review this 2026 proposed budget.

Mr. Mallers moved to approve the total budget of \$1,105,987, total levy of \$999,289, and total rate of \$0.0075 as requested. Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Hants Lake Conservancy

There was no one present representing Hants Lake Conservancy to review this budget proposed for 2026.

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the total budget of \$15,650, total levy of \$12,900, and total rate of \$0.1413 as requested. Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Amity Fire District

Janet Alexander, Financial Advisor, and Heath Brant, Amity Fire District Board Member, were present to review this 2026 proposed budget.

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the total budget of \$290,845, the total levy of \$174,436, and the total rate of \$0.1038 as requested. Mr. Bates seconded the motion that carried 6-0.

Hensley Fire District

Jeff Peters, Financial Advisor for Hensley Fire District, and Mark Dunn, Trafalgar Fire Chief, were present to review this budget proposed for 2026.

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the total budget of \$1,196,008, the total levy of \$790,855, and the total rate of \$0.1438 as requested. Mr. Myers seconded the motion that carried 6-0.

Needham Fire District

Mr. Peters, who is also Needham Fire District's Financial Advisor, was present to review this budget proposed for 2026. Needham Fire Chief Jason Cahill was also present.

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the total budget of \$1,006,783, the total levy of \$556,434, and the total rate of \$0.1400 as requested. Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Nineveh Fire District

Josh Snyder, Nineveh Fire Chief, and Andrew Tames, Nineveh Fire Board President, were present to review this 2026 proposed budget.

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the total budget of \$632,695, the total levy of \$422,510, and the total rate of \$0.1215 as requested. Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Bargersville Fire District

Mickey Bell and Brooke Chaille, Financial Advisors, for Bargsville Fire District were present to review this 2026 proposed budget. Bargsville Fire Chief, Eric Funkhouser, was also present.

Ms. Chaille stated they were also requesting a three-year growth appeal for 2026. She also noted they are going to be closing on some debt, and once they get closer to that time, they would have better numbers and would update them before final adoption.

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the total budget of \$17,325,478, the total levy of \$10,407,878, and the total rate of \$0.5040 as requested. Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

White River Fire District

White River Fire District Chief, Jeremy Pell, and Ben Roeger, Financial Advisor, were present to review this 2026 proposed budget.

Mr. Mallers made a motion to approve the total budget of \$19,785,239, the total levy of \$10,917,911, and the total rate of \$0.4103 as requested. Mr. Bates seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Recesses & Adjournments

First day of first reading on September 2nd: Mr. Mallers moved to recess until September 4th, 2025. Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second day of first reading on September 4th: Mr. Mallers moved to adjourn. Mr. Myers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Second reading on September 11th: Mr. Bates made a motion to recess second reading of the County budgets until after the public hearing of the binding recommendations for the Special Taxing Units. Mrs. Graves seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Mr. Bates made a motion to reconvene the second reading of the County budgets. Mr. Ditmars seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Mr. Mallers moved to adjourn. Mrs. Graves seconded the motion, which carried 6-0.

Binding recommendations for Special Taxing Units on September 11th: Mrs. Graves moved to adjourn the public hearing. Mr. Bates seconded the motion that carried 6-0.

*****NOTE: all motions reflect the final motions made for each department/unit budget*****


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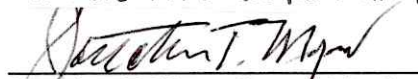
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John Mallers, Council Member


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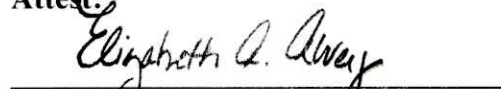

Jonathan T. Myers, Council Member


Ron Bates, Council Member


John Ditmars, Council Member


Melinda Griesemer, Council Member

Attest:


Elizabeth A. Alvey, Johnson County Auditor