

**August 23, 2023**

Roll Call: Mr. Hensler, Present

Mr. Haller, Present

Mr. Willis, Present

Motion by Mr. Haller second by Mr. Hensler to approve the minutes of August 16, 2023.

Roll Call: Hensler, Yes

Haller, Yes

Willis, Yes

**Modification of Appropriations**

From	Description	Amount
101-1000-5312.00	Acting Judge	\$ 1,000.00
To		
101-1000-5310.00	Jury Fees	\$ 1,000.00

**Certificate of Appropriation**

To	Description	Amount
345-1700-5316.00	Equipment	\$310,284.00
Roll Call:	Hensler, Yes	Haller, Yes
		Willis, Yes

**Auditor Ridgeway** submitted the following report for the Commissioner’s review: Sales Tax for the current year 2023, and the prior year, 2022 receipts and the increase or decrease.

**Dog Warden Weekly Report for August 12<sup>th</sup> – August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Owner surrender	-	5
Returned to owner	-	2
Adopted	-	0
Rescued	-	6
Weekly total	-	21
Phone calls logged	-	67

Motion by Haller second by Hensler to approve the vouchers.

Roll Call: Hensler, Yes

Haller, Yes

Willis, Yes

Ms. Carrie Conley came by to introduce herself and state that she and her husband Jeremy recently purchased T&R Discount Tires on Clary Road. They have a fabrication shop, and do a variety of vehicle and motorcycle maintenance/repairs. Commissioner Willis stated the county deals primarily through the State Purchasing Agreement, which he told Ms. Conley she may want to look into. Also, Commissioner Haller encouraged her to reach out to JCEDP Director Sam Brady and The Chamber of Commerce, as they are a new business in the community. T&R Discount Tires are planning a grand re-opening after the Apple Festival.

**Resolution 155-23**

Motion by Haller second by Hensler to approve the addendum to the community-based corrections subsidy grant agreement, which modifies the fiscal year 2024-2025 subsidy grant agreement in the amount of \$1,260.00.

Roll Call: Hensler, Yes

Haller, Yes

Willis, Yes

**Keith Pitts, Angela Spangler & Michelle Diehl, with Pike County Community Action Committee** were present to discuss public transportation. Also present were JFS Director Tammy Osborne-Smith and Mobility Manager Lissa Warrens, as they deal with transportation issues on a daily basis. Ms. Diehl stated that Pike County Community Action operates Valley View Health Center both in Pike & Jackson County, serving over 9,000 patients in Jackson County. They offer a variety of services in six (6) counties to all walks of life, including offering transportation for medical, shopping/food, mobility mgt., senior trips and general reasons. The investment for Jackson County is approximately 1.7 million per year. Grant funding is provided through O.D.O.T. Ms. Warrens stated they are presently working on Region 7 which will allow funding across county lines. JFS Director Osborne-Smith and Mobility Manager Warrens will be discussing forming a partnership with Pike County to try and improve public transportation in Jackson County.

**JFS Director Tammy Osborne-Smith and Fiscal Officer Teri McGraw** presented paperwork for grant funding for Fiscal Year 2025. Director Smith also took the opportunity to give an update on child welfare. There is a child placement crisis nationwide, and many children are spending the night at child agencies, and Jackson Co. is no exception, which should not be their responsibility, as they are child welfare. At present, there are 97 children in care in Jackson County, and placement costs continue to rise. Ms. Osborne-Smith states they are pushing for a regional home, with the state taking responsibility, but fears they would be unable to find qualified staff. The children deserve better. JFS is preparing a contract with the Sheriff’s office regarding overnight stays.

