COUNTY COUNCIL
June 11, 2026

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, June 11th, 2026, to consider additional requests in excess of the budget allowed for 2026, and to conduct such other business as may be properly brought before the Council.

II. **ROLL CALL:** Council members present were Roy Wrightsman, President; Thomas Rohr, Vice President; Jack B. Butler; Matt Helderman; Rick Patton; Mary Alice Gregg; Susan Kramer, Auditor and Leanna Collisi, Deputy Auditor. Also, present were Katie Potter, Jason Frazier, Jim Meece, Stacie Amerman, Jacob King and Cyndi Todd.

III. **READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes for the Council Meeting held on May 14th,2026 were presented. Jack B Butler made a motion to approve the May 14th,2026 minutes as presented. Matt Helderman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

IV. **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:** The Council considered additional appropriation requests as published on Gateway May 28th, 2026.

Council President, Roy Wrightsman, reviewed the appropriations from written requests submitted by Auditor, Susan Kramer Thus, the following ordinance was adopted: WHEREAS: it has been determined it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget for 2026, BE IT ORDAINED, by the County Council of Parke County, Indiana, for the expenses of said County government, the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set out of the funds herein specified, subject to the law governing the same: Tom Rohr made a motion to approve the additional appropriation requests as published on Gateway May 28th, 2026. The motion was seconded by Jack B Butler, and it carried unanimously.

REASSESSMENT			
Professional Services	1224-000-0003-5387	12,338.00	12,338.00
Total REASSESSMENT FUND	**Total**	**12,338.00**	**12,338.00**
OPIOID RESTRICTED			
Professional Services	1237-000-0003-5387	15,675.00	15,675.00
Total OPIOID RESTRICTED	**Total**	**15,675.00**	**15,675.00**

V. **JURY PAY:** The Auditor presented the Parke County Clerk's Certification of jury fees collected for May 2026 and requested $374.00 be transferred into the Jury Pay Fund, pursuant to IC 33-19-8-8. Rick Patton made the motion to direct the Auditor to transfer the jury fees collected in the amount of $374.00 from the County Users Fund to the Jury Fee Fund. The motion was seconded by Matt Helderman and unanimously carried.

VI. **REAPPROPRIATIONS:** None presented.

VII. **TRANSFER OF FUNDS:** None presented.

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

Roy Wrightsman attended the County Council Presidents' Roundtable with Lieutenant Governor Micah Beckwith, primary discussion centered around;

1) Education Funding
2) Renewable Energy/Data Centers
3) SB1
4) State Park funding for First Responders

INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT

This Interlocal Cooperation Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by and between the Northern Parke Regional Sewer District ("Sewer District") and the Parke County Council ("Council") (collectively, "Parties").

WHEREAS, the Parties have the authority and power to enter into this Agreement pursuant to IC 36-1-7-3.

WHEREAS, the Sewer District is a duly constituted municipal corporation of the State of Indiana, validly existing under the constitution and statutes of the State of Indiana, and has the power and authority to carry out and consummate all transactions or agreements. Neither the corporate existence nor the boundaries of said unit, nor the title of the sewer district officers to their respective offices, is being contested.

WHEREAS, the Council is a government agency (duly elected county fiscal body), existing pursuant to the laws of the State of Indiana.

WHEREAS, the Sewer District and the Council desire to enter into a funding agreement to aid the Sewer District in paying expenses and costs of the creation of the sewer district's infrastructure in Parke County, Indiana.

WHEREAS, the Sewer District has applied for and likely will receive funding from the Wabash River Regional Development Authority (RDA) in the amount of $850,000 to be received from the Indiana Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) grant funds. As part of the receipt of said funds, the sewer project must be completed by December 31, 2028. It is intended that the Council will be fully reimbursed from the Readi funds received.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises contained herein, the Parties hereby AGREE as follows:

1. Duration. This Agreement shall be in full force and effect as of the day of its execution by the Parties and shall remain in full force and effect until otherwise amended or terminated or as terminated pursuant to paragraph (6) six herein.

2. Purpose and Description of Services. The purpose of this Agreement is that the Council pledges to assist in payment of the sewer district's costs and expenses until receipt of the READI grant funds, whereupon the sewer district will reimburse the Council fully for any advanced costs or expenses.

3. Obligation of the Sewer District. The Sewer District agrees to reimburse the Council for payment of the costs of the sewer project from the received READI grant funds, or in the event the funds are not received, any other funds received or available to the Sewer District. The Sewer District shall provide the Council with invoices, receipts, or other reasonably satisfactory documentation evidencing its expenses for the cost of the Project in conjunction with a request for payment of said expenses or costs.

4. Obligation of the Council. The Council agrees to make payments on behalf of the Sewer District for expenses and costs in creating the district, not to exceed $850,000, until the Sewer District receives the READI grant funds.

5. Limitations on Pledge. The Parties agree that the Sewer District's reimbursement to Council for project costs and expenses shall not exceed the actual amount of funding paid by the Council on behalf of the Sewer District.

6. Termination of Agreement. This Agreement shall terminate at such time as the aggregate amount paid to the Council equals the actual amount paid by the Council on behalf of the Sewer District, or upon the Council having advanced payment on behalf of the Sewer District equal to $850,000, or December 31, 2028, whichever shall first occur.

7. No Other Agreements. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, this Agreement supersedes all prior agreements, negotiations, and discussions relative to the subject matter of this Agreement and is a full integration of the agreement of the Parties.

8. Amendment. This Agreement may be amended only by the written agreement of the Parties.

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9. Mutual Assistance. The Parties agree to take such actions, including the adoption, execution, and delivery of such documents, ordinances, resolutions, instruments, petitions, and certifications, as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms, provisions, and intent of this Agreement.

10. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same Agreement.

11. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement, or any paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word, or the application thereof, in any circumstance, is held invalid, the remainder of the Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid part were never included herein, and the Agreement shall be and remain valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

12. No Waiver. No waiver by any of the Parties to this Agreement of any term or condition of this Agreement shall be deemed or construed as a waiver of any other terms or conditions, nor shall a waiver of any breach be deemed to constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach, whether of the same or of a different section, subsection, paragraph, clause, phrase, or other provision of this Agreement.

13. Recording. Pursuant to IC 36-1-7-6, a written copy of this Agreement will be recorded with the Parke County Recorder's Office. Not later than sixty (60) days after it takes effect, this Agreement must and will be filed with the State Board of Accounts for audit purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed in their names and on their behalf as of the dates indicated below.

VIII. GENERAL BUSINESS:

Form CF-1/PP presented on behalf of Scott Pet Products Abatement for the 2026 pay 2027 property tax.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Redevelopment Commission (RDC): No excess value in TIF funds to release to taxing units. Bond Resolution 2026-05 was adopted. Reviewing two options for funding; Indiana Bond Bank and First Financial Bank. Design stage on the Bank Building is moving forward. Tuesday, June 23rd, 2026, the RDC will be approving an additional appropriation for the project.

Courthouse Security Committee: Did not meet.

Planning and Zoning Board: Guardian Investment Property seeking approval to build subdivision on Anderson St., 9 properties total.

West Central Solid Waste District (SWD): Did not meet.

Northern Parke Regional Sewer District: 30% design complete, will be presenting an interlocal agreement for the Council to approve.

X. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

- **Susan Kramer, Auditor:**
  - The Auditor's Cash Flow Statement was submitted for review by the Council Members.

- **Katie Potter, Assessor:**
  - Reassessment on-going, currently 71% complete. Currently working in Washington Township, will follow with Liberty and Jackson Townships.
  - Deadline to file appeals is Monday, June 15th, 2026, at 4:00pm.

- **Jason Frazier, Sheriff:**
  - Active shooter training held Tuesday, June 9th, 2026, at the Courthouse.

- **Stacie Ammerman, Hamilton Center:**
  - Nothing to report.

- **Jim Meece, Commissioner:**
  - Commissioners will be meeting with the Highway Superintendent to discuss the condition of certain covered bridges; Sims Smith Bridge, Nevins Bridge and Portland Mills Bridge.
  - Portland Mills slab, follow up with Nick Sauter regarding the right of way paperwork.

Tom Rohr made a motion to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement as presented. Rick Patton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

XII. OLD BUSINESS: None Presented

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Roy Wrightsman, President	
Thomas Rohr, Vice President	
Jack B. Butler	
James E. Howard	
Matt Helderman	
Rick Patton	
Mary Alice Gregg	

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business to come before the Council, the motion to adjourn was made by Jack B Butler. The meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Roy Wrightsman, President

ATTEST:

Susan Kramer, Auditor