

COUNTY COUNCIL

July 9, 2026

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, July 9th, 2026, to consider additional requests more than 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. Buttlert, Matt Helderman, Rick Patton; Mary Alice Gregg, Jim Howard; Susan Kramer, Auditor and Leanna Collisi, Deputy Auditor. Also present were Jason Frazier, Jim Meece, Stacie Ammerman, Jacob King, Cyndi Todd and Kurt Lanzone.
- III. **READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes for the Council Meeting held on June 11th, 2026, were presented. Jack B. Butler made a motion to approve June 11th, 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 June 25th, 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 specified, subject to the law governing the same: Tom Rohr made a motion to approve the additional appropriation requests as published on Gateway June 25th, 2026. The motion was seconded by Mary Alice Gregg, and it carried unanimously.

LOCAL ROAD AND STREET

Operating Supplies	1169-000-0002-5531	\$45,371.06
Total LOCAL ROAD AND STREET FUND	Total	\$45,371.06

CLERK PERPETUATION

Equipment	1119-000-0004-5203	\$4,367.18
Total CLERK PERPETUATION FUND	Total	\$4,367.18

REDELEVOPMENT DISTRICT CAPITAL

Operating Supplies	4801-000-0003-5387	\$3,300,000.00
Total REDELEVOPMENT DISTRICT CAPITAL FUND	Total	\$3,300,000.00

- V. **JURY PAY:** The Auditor presented the Parke County Clerk's Certification of jury fees collected for June 2026 and requested \$376.22 be transferred into the Jury Pay Fund, pursuant to IC 33-19-8-8. Matt Helderman made a motion to direct the Auditor to transfer the jury fees collected in the amount of \$376.22 from the County Users Fund to the Jury Fee Fund. The motion was seconded by Rick Patton and carried unanimously.
- VI. **REAPPROPRIATION:** None presented.

VII. TRANSFER OF FUNDS: The following transfers were presented by the Auditor for consideration. Jack B. Butler made a motion to approve the transfers as presented. Rick Patton seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Transfer Amount: \$99,006.25

From: 1000-015-0001-5254 General – Commissioner Health

To: 1000-015-0003-5387 General – Commissioner Professional Services

Transfer Amount: \$600.00

From: 1000-009-0002-5254 General – Assessor Postage

To: 1000-009-0003-5387 General – Assessor Professional Services

VIII. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Budget currently on schedule, no delays expected.
- Needing a new representative on the Park Board, per statue the new member must be a Democrat.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Redevelopment Commission (RDC): Scoping phase of the bank building including mechanical systems. Cyndi Todd has samples of the floor and wall coverings. Roy Wrightsman, President has been disassembling the teller area and relocating items to the basement. \$3,000,000.00 will be the amount of the 10-year loan through First Financial Bank, NA with a 4.62% fixed interest rate. A proposal from the Indiana Bond Bank was also reviewed but the fees charged were not acceptable. Closing is scheduled for July 21st, 2026. Architect and Structural Engineer were in last week. \$65,000.00 will be placed in the CEDIT fund for the 2027 Budget to be utilized for any shortfall of the TIF Revenues, these funds cannot be used for any other purpose.

Courthouse Security Committee: Did not meet.

Planning and Zoning Board: Did not meet.

West Central Solid Waste: Did not meet.

Northern Parke Regional Sewer District: Did not meet.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

Ordinance 2026-11: An Ordinance pledging general revenues to the Bonds of the Parke County Redevelopment Commission, acting in the name of Parke County, Indiana. The general revenue pledge is in the maximum amount of up to \$65,000.00 annually for so long as the Bonds are outstanding. Jack B. Butler made a motion to approve the Ordinance 2026-11 and the Same Day Same Meeting as presented. Rick Patton seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-11

AN ORDINANCE PLEDGING GENERAL REVENUES TO BONDS OF THE PARKE COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ACTING IN THE NAME OF PARKE COUNTY, INDIANA

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners ("Board") of Parke County, Indiana ("County") has determined that providing for the acquisition and construction of economic development projects including, but not limited to, the cost of the acquisition and renovation of an existing building to be used for County offices, in serving or benefiting the Area or reimbursement of the same, together with all necessary appurtenances, related improvements and equipment (collectively, "Project") by the Parke County Redevelopment Commission ("Commission") acting in the name of the County, is in the public interest of the citizens of the County;

WHEREAS, the County Council desires to pledge any legally available revenues of the County pursuant to IC 5-1-14-4 ("General Revenues") to the payment of debt service due on the "Redevelopment District Revenue Bonds of 2026" ("Bonds"); provided, however, that the General Revenue pledge is in the maximum amount of up to \$65,000 annually for so long as the Bonds are outstanding and; provided further that if the General Revenues are insufficient to pay any debt service due on the Bonds, the Commission and the County shall be under NO obligation to fund any shortfall of debt service due on the Bonds;

WHEREAS, the County Council has determined to pledge General Revenues to the payment of debt service on the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total cost of financing the Project, including issuance expenses, is now estimated not to exceed \$3,500,000, plus investment earnings on the bond proceeds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PARKE COUNTY COUNCIL, THAT:

Section 1. In consideration of the Board's desire to proceed with the financing of the Project, the County Council hereby pledges General Revenues for the payment of debt service on the Bonds; **provided, however, that the** General Revenue pledge is in the maximum amount of up to \$65,000 annually for so long as the Bonds are outstanding and; provided further that if the General Revenues are insufficient to pay any debt service due on the Bonds, the Commission and the County shall be under NO obligation to fund any shortfall of debt service due on the Bonds.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

Ordinance 2026-13: An appropriation of the Parke County Council in accordance with the Bond Resolution approved by the Parke County Commissioners on July 6th, 2026. Appropriation in the amount of \$3,300,000.00 for the Redevelopment District Revenue Bonds of 2026. Tom Rohr made a motion to approve the Ordinance 2026-13 and the Same Day Same Meeting as presented. Mary Alice Gregg seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-13

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE PARKE COUNTY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Parke County ("County") Redevelopment Commission ("Commission") has established the Central Parke Economic Development Area and West Central Parke Economic Development Area (collectively, "Area") in order to undertake certain local public improvements consisting of the cost of the acquisition and renovation of an existing building to be used for County offices, together with all necessary appurtenances, related improvements and equipment ("Project"), in serving or benefitting the Area, located in the Parke County Redevelopment District ("District"), premiums for a debt service reserve surety and/or municipal bond insurance, if necessary and capitalized interest, if necessary, funding a debt service reserve, if necessary and incidental expenses incurred in connection with the Project;

WHEREAS, the Commission has adopted a bond resolution ("Bond Resolution") approving the issuance of one or more series of bonds, payable from Tax Increment and, to the extent tax increment is not sufficient, a General Revenues pledge, up to a certain amount (each as defined and further described in the Bond Resolution), in an amount not to exceed \$3,300,000 for its Redevelopment District Revenue Bonds of 2026 ("Bonds"), in order to procure funds to be applied on the costs of the Project, premiums for a debt service reserve surety and/or municipal bond insurance, if necessary and capitalized interest, if necessary, funding a debt service reserve, if necessary and costs associated with the issuance of the Bonds (collectively, "Costs of the Project");

WHEREAS, the Commission has published notice in accordance with IC 5-3-1 and IC 6 1.1-18-5, and held a public hearing regarding the appropriation of the proceeds of the Bonds;

WHEREAS, a notice of public hearing on the appropriation of the revenues in an amount not to exceed Three Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,300,000) to be used by the County for the purpose of funding the Project was properly published in *Parke County Sentinel* and the proof of publication was presented to the County Council and placed in the County's records;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF PARKE COUNTY, INDIANA THAT: An appropriation in an amount not to exceed Three Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,300,000) is hereby made to be applied on the cost of funding the Bonds, and that the funds to meet said appropriation be provided out of the revenues appropriated by the County in an amount not to exceed Three Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,300,000) hereby authorized, and that the appropriation be in addition to all other appropriations provided for in the existing budget and tax levy for the current year.

The Auditor, as fiscal officer of the County, is hereby authorized and directed to report and certify the additional appropriation to the Department of Local Government Finance.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage.

XI. Department Head Comments:

- **Jim Meece, Commissioner:**
 - Carol Myers with Susie's place is requesting surrounding counties for \$15,000.00 to support their cause
 - The following covered bridges have been closed due to safety concerns; Conley Ford Bridge, Portland Mills Bridge and Nevins Bridge. Sims Smith Bridge has been stabilized for traffic and remains open.
 - Data Center Ordinance was passed with the restrictions stating that the facility would have to be self-sustaining with their own electric power and water supply.
 - Solar Farm Ordinance draft is currently under review.
- **Kurt Lanzone, County Extension Director:**
 - Discussed the upcoming 4-H Fair and presented the new booklet created for the 4-H Fair.
- **Jason Frazier, Sheriff:**
 - Leased Explorers should be delivered next week.
 - National Night Out at the 4-H Fair will be next Thursday night.
- **Chris O'Brien, EMA Director:**
 - Requesting permission to seek a \$150,000 reimbursable grant through Indiana Homeland Security. The funds would be used to purchase barriers to assist in the protection of soft targets from vehicles. Tom Rohr made a motion to approve the request. Jack B Butler seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

XII. OLD BUSINESS: None presented.

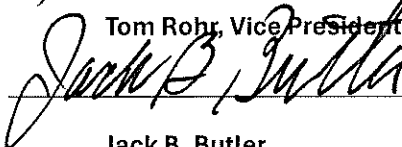
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Roy Wrightsman, President



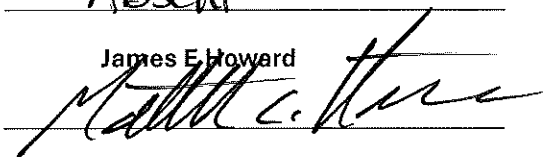
Tom Rohr, Vice President



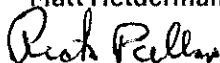
Jack B. Butler

Absent

James E. Howard



Matt Helderman



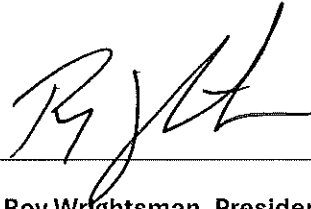
Rick Patton

Absent

Mary Alice Gregg

NAY

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

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Roy Wrightsman, President

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan Kramer', written over a horizontal line.

Susan Kramer, Auditor