

COUNTY COUNCIL

April 13th, 2023

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, April 13th, 2023 to consider additional requests in excess of the budget allowed for 2023, and to conduct such other business as may be properly brought before the Council.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Council members present were John K. Pratt, President; Roy Wrightsman, Vice President; Jack B. Butler; Cameron Martin; Rick Patton; Thomas Rohr; Mary Anne Wood, Auditor and Pam Adams, 2nd Deputy Auditor. James E. Howard was absent. Also present were John Martin, Lisa Wood, Jason Frazier, Chris O'Brien and Cyndi Todd.
- III. **READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes from March 9th, 2023 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Roy Wrightsman and seconded by Jack B. Butler to approve the minutes as presented and the motion carried unanimously.
- IV. **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:** The Council considered additional appropriation requests as published in the newspaper March 29th, 2023.

Council President, John K. Pratt, reviewed the appropriations from written requests submitted by Auditor, Mary Anne Wood. 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 2023, 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: Jack B. Butler made a motion to approve the additional appropriation requests as advertised on March 29th, 2023. The motion was seconded by Thomas Rohr and carried unanimously.

<u>FUND/DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
2023 Problem Solving Court		
Travel & Training 9167-00-03-5024	\$277.97	\$277.97
Judge's Incentives 9167-00-03-5081	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Call in System 9167-00-03-5100	\$1,152.00	\$1,152.00
Participant Services 9167-00-03-6025	\$1,965.00	\$1,965.00
Chemical Test Equipment 9167-00-04-7030	\$2,190.00	\$2,190.00
Total 2023 Problem Solving Court Fund:	\$6,784.97	\$6,784.97
Bulletproof Vest Probation LCC Fund		
Equipment 9171-00-04-7020	\$1,372.47	\$1,372.47
Total 21.027 American Rescue Plan Fund:	\$1,372.47	\$1,372.47
Statewide 911 Fund		
Dispatchers 1222-00-01-1114	\$1,307.75	\$1,307.75
Total Statewide 911 Fund:	\$1,307.75	\$1,307.75
Problem Solving Court Fund		
Case Manager Salary – Even Year 9146-00-01-1000	\$1,418.42	\$1,418.42
Total Problem Solving Court Fund:	\$1,418.42	\$1,418.42

Park and Rec Fund

Grounds Equipment 1219-00-04-7020

\$13,392.61

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Total Park and Rec Fund:**\$13,392.61****\$13,392.61****Pre-Trial Diversion Fund**

Equipment 1182-00-04-7020

\$5,000.00

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Total Pre-Trial Diversion Fund:**\$5,000.00****\$5,000.00****Forfeitures and Seizures Fund**

Equipment 4904-00-047-7020

\$30,000.00

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Total Forfeitures and Seizures Fund:**\$30,000.00****\$30,000.00****Central Parke TIF Fund**

Service Contracts 4502-00-03-5080

\$1,700,000.00

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Total Central Parke TIF Fund:**\$1,700,000.00****\$1,700,000.00**

V. TRANSFER OF FUNDS: The Council approved the request for the transfer of funds on a motion made by Jack B. Butler. The motion was seconded by Rick Patton and carried unanimously.

Be it resolved; the Parke County Council hereby approves the following requests for transfer:

Amount: \$366.00

From: 2100-00-03-5030

Supplemental Adult Probation/ Other Services & Charges/ Telephone

To: 2100-00-01-1502

Supplemental Adult Probation/ Personal Services/ Secretary

VI. JURY PAY: The Auditor presented the Parke County Clerk's certification of jury fees collected for March 2023, and requested \$102.11 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 \$69.38 from the County Users Fund to the Jury Fee Fund. The motion was seconded by Jack Butler and unanimously carried.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**Redevelopment Commission (RDC):****Roy Wrightsman**

- Set up the annual Tax Increment Finance (TIF) meeting for Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023.
- The RDC meetings will be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month.
- Received an update on the U.S. Highway 41 North project.

Courthouse Security Committee: Did not meet.

Planning and Zoning Board:

Jack B. Butler

- The church group who are wanting to establish a campground near Rocky Fork did not appear. The Plan Commission has instructed them to have all of their State permits in hand prior to the meeting.

Solid Waste District (SWD): Did not meet.

VIII. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

- **Chris O' Brien, Emergency Management/ E911**

- Requested approval to submit a grant application for approximately \$95,000.00. The funds will be used to purchase a Polaris Ranger, a drone and traffic barriers. The barriers can be filled with water for weight. The items are to assist the Sheriff's Department primarily during the Covered Bridge Festival. O'Brien stated there are no local matching funds required for this grant. Roy Wrightsman made a motion to allow O'Brien to move forward with the grant. Cameron Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Grant update: The Emergency Management Performance Salary Reimbursement grant for 2023 has been closed, and the Auditor's office has received the monies.

Four grants are still in progress: The generator grant, radio equipment grant, computer upgrade grant and a mitigation grant.

There are two grants coming up that O'Brien is going to apply for, the 2024 Emergency Management Performance Salary Reimbursement and a grant for power generation.

- **Jason Frazier, Sheriff:**

- Reported \$76,764.50 has been billed for inmate housing.
- The department has turned in \$25,875.04 on their Report of Collections so far this year.
- The telephone upgrade project will begin at the Jail on Monday, April 17th, 2023.

- **Assessor:**

Katie Potter was unable to attend, but sent the following report:

- 2023 pay 2024 values were rolled to the Auditor on April 10, 2023. The values were balanced between the Auditor and Assessor on April 11, 2023, and Parke County was the first County in the State to be rolled and balanced.
- Approval was received for the ratio study. Potter came in on Good Friday to get the data ready for the Form 11's to be created. The Form 11's will be mailed on April 24, 2023.
- Potter has contacted X-Soft to begin the conversion from Aumentum for property tax assessing.
- Reported it will be necessary to pay for the data extract file to be created by Aumentum. This was not necessary for the Auditor and Treasurer's conversion, because another vendor the County uses had access to pull the data. This vendor does not have access to the Assessor's data. Roy Wrightsman stated he felt this was borderline egregious for Aumentum to bill us for our own data, he stated the Board of Commissioners should look into this as they signed the contract with Aumentum. Jim Meece agreed and requested Katie Potter bring information regarding the data extract to the next Commissioners meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- John Pratt stated any Council member wanting to attend the Association of Indiana Counties, Inc. (AIC) West Central District Meeting in Greencastle, Indiana on Thursday, May 18th, 2023 should notify the Auditor's office so they can be registered. Pratt noted this meeting is very informative.

X. OLD BUSINESS: None presented.

XI. GENERAL BUSINESS:

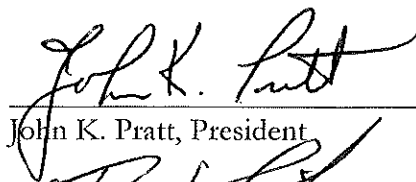
- Auditor Mary Anne Wood requested the Council extend the blanket reappropriation approval for Fund 4016 Ambulance Fire 2022 as there are still insurance checks from the Ambulance Building fire being received. John Pratt explained the Council voted in favor of allowing the insurance monies to be appropriated as they came in last year, the approval expired on December 31, 2022. Roy Wrightsman noted the insurance payments are for specific items and the four appropriation numbers in the Fund determine where the monies should go. Tom Rohr made a motion to extend the blanket approval until June 30, 2023. Cameron Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- County Commissioner, Jim Meece stated that \$803,000.00 in Community Crossings monies have been awarded to the County so far this year.

The Board of Commissioner together with Parke County Highway Supervisor, Randy Norman, are scheduled to meet with engineers regarding the Melcher Bridge this Friday to learn what needs done to get the bridge back open. The covered bridge has a foundation issue, the abutment was cracked several years ago and was patched with concrete instead of being properly repaired. The Highway Department has put barricades at either end of the bridge to stop traffic from driving through it, but people are moving the barricades and driving through the bridge regardless. This is dangerous as the damage to the foundation is such that the bridge could fail completely. It may be necessary to put rip rap on either end to prevent traffic from being able to cross the bridge.

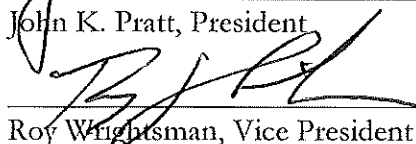
Meece said there is a bill in the Indiana House which will require government meetings to be live streamed for the public. Meece feels Parke County is ahead of the curve since our meetings are recorded by John Martin who has the not for profit, Parke Without Reverse. Meece believes a discussion needs to be had between the Board of Commissioners and the County Council regarding making a donation to Martin to accommodate the live stream aspect, if the bill passes.

Reported Senator Derry has proposed a bill that would allow the Innkeepers tax to be increased from five percent to eight percent. The increase would require Council approval, Meece said if the bill passes and after the Board of Commissioners discuss the increase, they might bring the matter before the Council at a future meeting.

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John K. Pratt, President



Roy Wrightsman, Vice President

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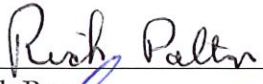


Jack B. Butler

(absent)
James E. Howard



Cameron Martin

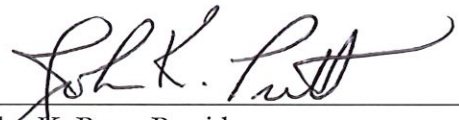


Rick Patton



Thomas Rohr

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business to come before the Council, the motion to adjourn was made by Jack B. Butler and seconded by Cameron Martin. The meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.



John K. Pratt, President

ATTEST:



Mary Anne Wood, Auditor