

COUNTY COUNCIL

April 14th, 2022

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, April 14th, 2022 to consider additional requests in excess of the budget allowed for 2022, 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; Larry Gambaiani, Vice President, Roy Wrightsman, Rick Patton, Jack B. Butler, James E. Howard and Cameron Martin. Present from the Auditor's Office were Laura Fischer, Auditor, Josh Castaneda, 2nd Deputy Auditor and Michelle Woods, 3rd Deputy Auditor. Also present were Katie Potter, Jessica Lancaster, Justin Cole, John Martin, Jim Meece, Henry Harper, Julie Lanzzone, Randy Norman, Mark Davis, Chris O'Brien and Dan Jones.
- III. **READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes from March 2022 were presented. Council would like to receive minutes ahead of time in the future to be able to thoroughly review them. Motion to approve minutes made by Jack B. Butler and seconded by Rick Patton. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:** The Council considered additional appropriation requests as published in the newspaper March 30th, 2022. Council President, John K. Pratt, reviewed the appropriations from written requests submitted by Auditor, Laura Fischer. 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 2022, 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: Roy Wrightsman made a motion to approve the additional appropriation requests as advertised on March 30th, 2022. The motion was seconded by Jack B. Butler and carried unanimously. The Cumulative Capital Development additional that was advertised is decided by Council to be an encumbrance.

| <u>FUND/DEPARTMENT</u> | <u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u> | <u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u> |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| RDC-West Central Parke TIF Fund | \$25,000.00 | \$25,000.00 |
| Service Contracts – 4500-00-03-5080 | | |
| Total RDC-West Central Parke TIF Fund: | \$25,000.00 | \$25,000.00 |

V. 2021 ENCUMBRANCES TO BE AMENDED:

County Highway Tire Fund: 1112-00-02-3041 \$4,345.62

County Highway Deicing Material Fund: 1112-00-02-3115 \$18,715.05

Health Department Office Supplies Fund: 1168-00-02-3010 \$639.10

Cumulative Capital Development Fund: 1138-00-04-7010 \$40,000.00

Motion to approve amended encumbrances made by Larry Gambaiani and seconded by Cameron Martin.

Motion passed unanimously.

VI. REAPPROPRIATIONS: Council tabled reappropriation to make sure it goes into the correct fund. Will be reviewed to make sure the funds go back into the fund they came from.

Amount: \$104,515.00

Fund: 1176-03-02-3042

Motor Vehicle Highway – Insurance Reimbursement

VII. JURY PAY: February 28th, 2022 - \$97.76 Motion to approve jury pay made by Rick Patton and seconded by Cameron Martin. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Redevelopment Commission – Did meet, discussed paying off Montezuma balance. 41 sewer project moving forward. Extending sewer from Anderson to Scott Pets.
- Planning and Zoning Commission – Met with no new business.
- Courthouse Security Board – Did not meet.
- Solid Waste District – Did not meet.

IX. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

- **Jim Meece, Commissioner:**

- Josh Castaneda is back as payroll deputy in the Auditors Office. Harris Software has been hired to come to the Auditors Office for 2 days of training (21st and 22nd) which will cost \$3,200. Commissioner Meece explained the conversation he had with the previous payroll deputy. There had been a misunderstanding between the two.
- Bruce Hartman is working on RFP to do the audit. It will be a long and expensive process but needs to be done.
- Thanked Auditor, Laura Fischer and A/P Deputy, Michelle Woods for working so quickly on processing the checks for the Ambulance service to purchase 2 campers from Ski's Truck and RV Sales.
- Core Facilities hired for 4 projects. Total for these projects is \$418,629.00. May hire them as a site manager as well for an additional cost.
- Could transfer money from ARP fund to General fund to pay for those projects.
- Meece and Council discuss ARP funds and how to use it.

- **Justin Cole, Sheriff's Dept:**

- So far for the year, \$50,214.50 DOC housing
- Jail fencing project began last week, need 3 or 4 dry days to do the work. Funded 80-90% by grant and rest by commissary.
- 2 Tahoes are both at the Outfitters. 1 paid for with USDA grant, 1 paid for with commissary and grants.
- Parking lot project should begin next week.
- Currently 56 inmates.

- **Randy Norman, Highway Dept:**

- 3 bridges have considerably large log jams in them. Bridge at Lodi, Carpenter Road and Pipeline Road. Got a quote from Clayton Morgan Logging to remove log jams. Quote is \$35,350.00. Randy wants to take money from Cumulative Bridge. Need to do an additional, Roy to review. Council gives Randy the go ahead to hire Clayton Morgan Logging.
- Mark Davis wants to replace the bridge/culvert in Rosedale with a 36' 10" wide bridge with a pedestrian walkway. Estimate for that is \$221,521.26. Mark Davis says he has \$80 to \$90 thousand for this. Nothing wrong with bridge or structure except for it is one lane. As this would be more of a budget discussion and is not an emergency, it is decided not to do anything at this time and it should be proposed for the 2023 budget.

- **Julie Lanzone, EMS:**

- A detailed report from the Parke County EMS was provided to the Council.
- Medic 1 was delivered to Emergency Mobile for remount on 2/24/22.
- Medic 2-prior to the fire it was intended to use as the last truck. Because of the fire Medic 2 is the only truck left. Had to take it to Burke Spring for alignment. Were able to borrow a truck while being worked on. If Medic 2 isn't taken off the road soon it will be unusable.
- Medic 3 has been stationed at Bellmore fire. Once the IU truck is back, Medic 3 will return to Peterson's for cosmetic repair.
- Medic 4 is a total loss. Insurance company assigned a value of \$99,786.10. Check has been cut and the claim is closed.
- Title packet has been sent to the state for the IU truck. Waiting to get the plates. The IU truck will work for now but is at the end of its life. Would be best to sell the truck outright to someone who could use the box. Chassis isn't worth anything.
- Quotes provided for a new ambulance. Julie's preference would be for Quote #2: 2020 Ford F-550 4x4 Diesel priced at \$242,950.00. States this price does not include lettering or cot mount therefore looking at closer to \$265,000.00.
- Council and Commissioners will work together to see if ARP funds can be used to help purchase a new ambulance.

Roy Wrightsman made a motion to allow Julie to pursue Quote #2, 2020 Ford F-550 4x4 (Diesel) chassis with Braun box, to replace burnt ambulance. Motion seconded by Cameron Martin and passed unanimously.

- Insurance chose to purchase 2 new camper trailers from Ski's Truck and RV Sales to use as living quarters. Rockville utilities will hook up water and sewage. Allee electrical will hook up electricity and Randy Cleaver will hook up phone/internet lines.
- Still down 3 full time employees. Have gotten 1 application for part-time.

- **Katie Potter, Assessor:**

- Form 11 (notice of assessment) for 22 pay 23 taxes will be going out April 25th.
- Increase on assessment everywhere.
- Cost tables have changed.
- An increase in assessment does not necessarily mean an increase in taxes.
- 82 appeals for 21 pay 22. Last time to go to IBTR was April 13th.
- Personal property forms are due by May 16th.

- **Henry Harper, Clerk:**

- Early voting going well.
- 127 voters as of this morning.
- Have not had an glitches like other surrounding counties have. Things are going smooth.
- Early voting times are: 8am – 4pm Monday – Friday. Closed Good Friday. Saturdays: 23rd and 30th open 8am – 12:00pm.
- Pick up equipment for polling locations on May 2nd from 12:00pm – 4pm.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

- Presented for consideration was **Resolution 2022-04** which is a joint resolution of the Board of Commissioners and County Council of Parke County setting terms and conditions for the recuperation of overpaid salaries for employees of Parke County Government. Roy Wrightsman read the resolution regarding overpayment of salary employees in 2019 and then he commented on how they arrived at this. **Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-04 is made by Jack B. Butler and seconded by Rick Patton. Motion carried unanimously.** The Resolution is now passed on to the Board of Commissioners for their consideration. State Board of Accounts has reviewed this information and it meets the requirements of SBOA.
- Roy Wrightsman states that one of the findings by the SBOA was a payment made to him by the County for preparation of the 2019 budget for \$1,000.00. Roy showed proof that he had paid that money back to the county.
- Cameron Martin commented on the SBOA Audit for Parke County for calendar years 2019 and 2020. Laura Fischer answered with explanation of why funds were not reported in Gateway correctly.
- Jack B. Butler states his concerns with how the Emergency Preparedness Grant (Fund 9117) is being used.

XI. GENERAL BUSINESS:

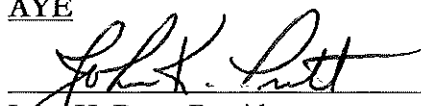
- **Public Comments:**
 - Dan Jones attended but had nothing to say.
 - Mark Davis-Next Level Trails Grant, 5 million dollars, over all project is 6.5 million dollars. Trying to keep as much of that local. Trail will go from county line to depot in Rockville.
- **Chris O'Brien:**
 - Asked the Council for their approval to go after a grant from the State that they do every 8 years. The grant is for \$18,457. A soft match of \$6,163 will be done through labor and services rendered. Will not see any actual money going toward it. **Larry Gambaiani made a motion to approve the grant. Jack B. Butler seconds and motion passed unanimously.**
 - Chris also provided updates on 2 grants they are still purchasing on: Fence at the Jail and a generator at the Highway Dept. May have some money left over and will possibly look into getting a generator at another building.
 - Have requested from the State: Reimbursements on both the GIS Date Conversion Grant and the Salary Reimbursement Grant.
- **Justin Cole:**
 - LCC Grant for National Night Out.
 - Have done NNO for the last several years.
 - Have decided to do NNO on parade night of the Parke County Fair. Will save some money by not having to provide food and drinks since it is during the fair. Good community event.
 - Asked for \$5,000 from grant. Still have some donation money left over from last year.

Roy Wrightsman made a motion to approve *LLC Grant for \$5,000.00*. Motion was

seconded by Cameron Martin and carried unanimously.

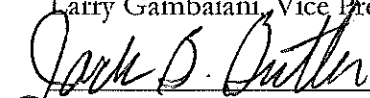
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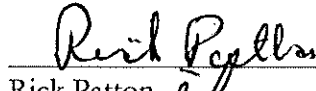
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Larry Gambaiani, Vice President

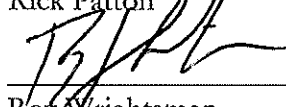


Jack B. Butler

Jim Howard



Rick Patton

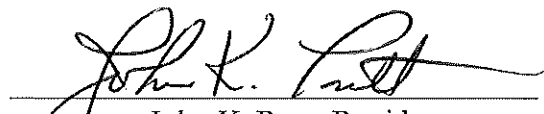


Roy Wrightsman



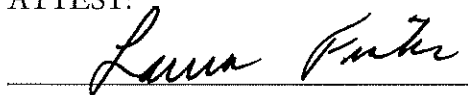
Cameron Martin

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 10:38 a.m.



John K. Pratt, President

ATTEST:



Laura J. Fischer, Auditor

