

**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**April 8, 2021**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, April 8th, 2021 to consider additional requests in excess of the Budget allowed for 2021, 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, James E. Howard, Rick Patton and Cameron Martin, James Howard, Larry Gambaiani, Vice President and Jack B. Butler. Also present were Laura Fischer; Auditor and Nicole Collings, First Deputy Auditor and Cassandra Engle, Third Deputy Auditor. Also present were Katie Potter, John Martin, Jessica Lancaster, Justin Cole, Jason Frazier, Randy Norman, Chris Newcomb and Chris Novotney.
- III. READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on March 11th, 2021 were approved on a motion made by Councilman Roy Wrightsman and seconded by Councilman John Pratt. The motion carried unanimously.
- IV. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:** The following additional appropriations were approved on a motion by Councilman Roy Wrightsman and seconded by Councilman Cameron Martin. The motion passed unanimously.

Local Health Trust		
Part-Time Nurse	1206-00-01-1123	\$7,410.00
Local Health Trust		<b>\$7,410.00</b>
 Park and Rec		
Vehicles	1219-00-04-7010	\$525.00
Park and Rec		<b>\$525.00</b>

- V. TRANSFERS:** none
- VI. RE-APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:** none
- VII. JURY PAY:** The following jury pay was approved on a motion by Councilman Jim Howard and Seconded by Councilman Cameron Martin. The motion passed unanimously.
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| 2/28/2021 | \$88.06  |
| 3/31/2021 | \$124.92 |

- VIII. REDUCTIONS FUNDS:** none

**IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Redevelopment Commission (RDC) – Received request for revolving loan fund, tabled pending further information. Annual TIF report was submitted. Still working on action regarding delinquent revolving loans. Approved interlocal agreement with the town regarding sewer project on 41 North funded out of the Central TIF.
- Planning and Zoning Commission – None for Planning, Zoning had a request for a variance for convenience store at top of Walker Boat Ramp, but has been tabled until next month due to a board member wanting a more detailed plan.

- Courthouse Security Board – No meeting was held.

## **X. NEW BUSINESS:**

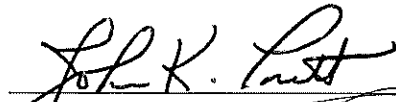
- Library Appointment- March 15<sup>th</sup>, informed that member, Randy Wright, has missed 6 consecutive meetings. Per statute, that deems his position vacant. New appointment, Sherri Paxton. Councilman Wrightsman proposes 2 appointment forms for Sherri Paxton to fill current term starting April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 through May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 and to fill next term starting June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 going through May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025.  
Councilman Jack B Butler makes a motion to appoint Sherri Paxton to the library board, seconded by Councilman Larry Gambaiani. The motion passed unanimously.
- Councilman Wrightsman requests that letter to Randy Wright be sent by Auditor thanking him for his service and informing him that his term has been vacated.
- AIC Dinner- Any Council members wanting to attend, see Auditor so she can make reservations.
- In the next month or so letters will go out requesting budgets for 2022. Letter generally goes out in May so that budgets can be in by June.

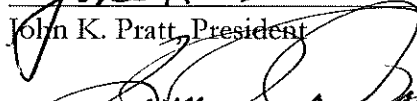
## **XI. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

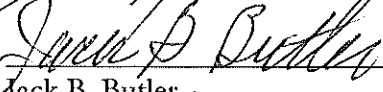
- **Sheriff, Justin Cole:**
  - Currently housing 71 inmates and 12 DOC inmates.
  - \$5,558.25 year to date collections.
  - The Firearms Auction was held April 3, 2021 and raised just shy of \$40,000. Roughly 130 firearms sold. All money raised goes back to the department for training or into forfeiture account.
  - Will have to sell seized vehicle in September, so may have a small auction again in September.
- **Park and Rec, Chris Newcomb**
  - Amended the 5-year plan and it was approved by DNR. Copies given to Council.
  - Will now be able to apply for grants for the 2021-2022 year.
  - Additional Appropriation granted in the amount of \$525, but will need \$575 to purchase a John Deere Gator, will have to transfer \$50 because the appropriation was advertised at \$525 and cannot be approved for anything more.
- **Parke County Highway, Randy Norman**
  - Joined by Chris Novotney from AHW to discuss grader leases.
  - Grader lease will be up in July. Prices have increased, roughly 14,000/ea. Current leased graders will only be under warranty until the end of July.
  - New lease for (4) 4WD graders will be 5-year lease and will be under warranty for the full 5 years.
  - April 21<sup>st</sup> prices go up 1%, will have to go in front of Commissioners on April 19<sup>th</sup> to make decision.
  - Keeping current machines seems to be bad option based on financials.
  - Councilman Jack B. Butler makes motion to take the 5-year lease deal seconded by Councilman Cameron Martin. The motion passed unanimously.
  - Councilman John Pratt asks about a bridge on 100 W that he has received messages about. Plan is to put new deck on as soon as possible, however, they are short 5 people currently.

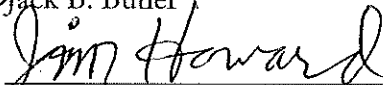
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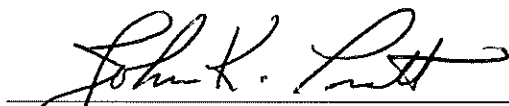
  
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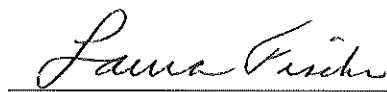
  
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**ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business to come before the Council, the motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Jack B. Butler and seconded by Councilman Cameron Martin, the meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

  
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John K. Pratt, President

ATTEST:

  
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Laura J. Fischer, Auditor