

## COUNTY COUNCIL

August 12, 2021

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, August 12, 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; Larry Gambaiani, Vice President; Rick Patton, Roy Wrightsman, Cameron Martin, Laura J. Fischer; Auditor and Nicole Spurr; 3rd Deputy Auditor. Also present were Katie Potter, Justin Cole, Jason Frazier, Jessica Lancaster, Julie Lanzone.
- III. **READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes the regular meeting held on June 10, 2021 and July 8, 2021 were not approved due to discrepancies. Tabled to make corrections and approval requested at the next meeting.
- IV. **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:** The Council considered additional appropriation requests as published in the newspaper July 28, 2021. 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 2021, 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: Larry Gambaiani made a motion to approve the additional appropriation requests as advertised on July 28, 2021. The motion was seconded by Roy Wrightsman and carried unanimously.

FUND/ DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
<b>RDC West Central Parke TIF</b>		
Service contracts 4500-00-03-5080	8,500.00	8,500.00
<b>Total for RDC West Central Parke TIF</b>	<b>8,500.00</b>	<b>8,500.00</b>
 <b>Pre-Trial Diversion</b>		
Service Contracts 1182-00-03-5080	2,000.00	2,000.00
<b>Total for Pre-Trial Diversion</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>
 <b>Public Safety County Share</b>		
Courthouse Security Officer	15,560.46	15,560.46
<b>Total Public Safety County Share</b>	<b>15,560.46</b>	<b>15,560.46</b>

- V. **TRANSFER OF FUNDS:** The Council approved the request for the transfer of funds on a motion by Roy Wrightsman and seconded by Cameron Martin. The following resolution was adopted.

### TRANSFERS

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

Amount: \$10,175.00  
From: 1000-15-03-5110  
Liability Insurance  
To: 1000-15-04-7030  
Equipment

Amount: \$45,000.00  
From: 1000-16-01-1801  
Certified EMT  
To: 1000-16-01-1802  
Part Time EMT  
Amount: \$35,000.00  
From: 1135-00-03-5011  
Equipment Rental  
To: 1135-00-02-3116  
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**VI. REAPPROPRIATIONS:** County wrote a check to National 4H Council with the wrong PO box address. Check was cashed by company in error. Company refunded the money for us to receipt in and write out another check to the appropriate vendor. Motion to approve appropriation was made by Councilman Roy Wrightsman and seconded by Cameron Martin. Motion was carried unanimously.

Amount: \$39.89

Fund: 1000-12-02-3010

**VII. JURY PAY:** N/A

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Redevelopment Commission (RDC) – held annual TIF hearing, went over status of some projects, Rockville Sewer Project- moving right along, wrapping up easements, expect to start submitting out for bid this fall with possibility of starting construction beginning of next year.
- Planning and Zoning Commission – Jack Butler not present to give report.
- Courthouse Security Board – Did not meet.
- Solid waste- vote to increase cost per tax payer \$0.25 per person per year until 2026. Montgomery county left district leaving Parke and Putnam counties. Will discuss more at the upcoming budget hearings.

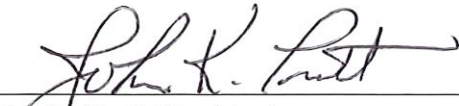
**IX. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Chris O'Brien: update on EMA Grants
  - Soft Target Protection Grant- purchasing cameras to install on trailers and for detectives- received both sets of grant money and also receive about \$68,000 extra-plan to build a fence around the backside of the jail
  - Criminal Justice COVID Relief Fund Grant- about \$30,000 left to help pay for courthouse security paying deputies 40 hours/week instead of 21 hours. County got reimbursed for gloves purchased back in January 2020 and also received money to help purchase items to help sterilize equipment- have not received all funds yet from this grant, received about \$16,000 in May 2021, should get another \$19,000 over the next few days and asking for another \$2,000 which equals all \$37,810 requested from the state
  - LEPC Planning Grant- going well
  - NG911 GIS Data Conversion Grant- WTH people are working with this grant and it's going fine
  - Have applied for the following grants within the last few weeks: EMA Salary Reimbursement, PCHD Emergency Generator and Message Board Refurbishment.

- Julie Lanzone: Parke County EMS
  - Busiest month last month with 201 responses in July
  - 176 patient transports in July
  - \$335,519.33 total collections- \$34,795.92 ahead of 2020 collections
  - 213 outstanding accounts totaling \$125,089.85
  - 10 accounts sent to collections for non-payment
  - 7 accounts sent to litigation for non-payment
  - Purchase agreement was signed and submitted for the remount of Medic 1(ambulance) in 2022. A new chassis has been ordered but as of now there is no timeline of delivery
  - Still short 1 full-time paramedic and still have 1 full-time paramedic off on medical leave, due to return on August 25,2021
  - Julie has requested a transfer of salary lines from certified EMTs to part time EMTs to cover the overage caused by being short staffed.
  - She reports she has posted several job ads but has yet to receive any responses from qualified applicants
  - EMS training institution grant deadline was extended to April 2022-will cover items that were unable to be purchased due to the covid pandemic
  - Their training institution is officially certified by the State of Indiana and they intend to start their first course in mid-September.
- Katie Potter, Assessor:
  - Still working through appeals
  - Received call from petitioner, once Katie informed him that she was getting an appraisal for his property, he withdrew
  - Currently in reassessment- things are going well
- Justin Cole, Sheriff:
  - 73 inmates currently
  - Billed \$11,775 for DOC and \$94,204 year to date.
  - First case of COVID in the jail 2-3 weeks ago- case was contained and did not spread to any other person. Person is recovering well
  - National Night Out is schedule for September 21 at the fairgrounds-hasn't advertised it yet- LCC committee has funded most of this event
- John Pratt, President:
  - Budget hearings will be held on September 2 & 3, 2021 in the Auditor's office

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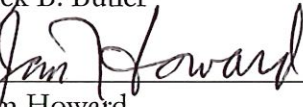
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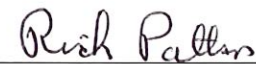
  
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Larry Gambaiani, Vice President

  
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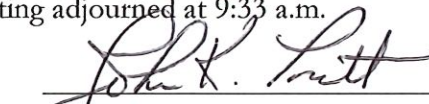
  
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**ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business to come before the Council, the motion to adjourn was made by Rick Patton, seconded by Larry Gambaiani. The meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

  
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John K. Pratt, President

ATTEST:

  
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Laura J. Fischer, Auditor

8-12-2021