

## COUNTY COUNCIL

June 12th, 2025

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, June 12th, 2025 to consider additional requests in excess of the budget allowed for 2025, 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. Butler; James E. Howard; Rick Patton; Mary Alice Gregg; Matt Helderman, Susan Kramer, Auditor. Also present were Katie Potter, Kim Shorter, Leanna Collisi, Jim Meece Jessica Lancaster, Jason Frazier, Stacie Amerman and Mandy Adams Washburn.
- III. **READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes for the Council Meeting held on May 8th, 2025 were presented. Jack B Butler made a motion to approve the May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 minutes as presented. Rick Patton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- IV. **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:** The Council considered additional appropriation requests as published in the newspaper May 28th, 2025.

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 2025, 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: Thomas Rohr made a motion to approve the additional appropriation requests as advertised on May 28th, 2025. The motion was seconded by Mary Alice Gregg and carried unanimously.

### CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND

Bridge #139 – Ferndale Road	1135-00-04-7041	130,000.00	130,000.00
<b>Total CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>130,000.00</b>	<b>130,000.00</b>

### LOCAL ROAD & STREET FUND

Bituminous	1169-00-02-3100	39,477.60	39,477.60
<b>Total LOCAL ROAD &amp; STREET FUND</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>39,477.60</b>	<b>39,477.60</b>

### MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY

Building and Grounds	1176-03-04-7050	26,358.94	26,358.94
<b>Total MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>26,358.94</b>	<b>26,358.94</b>

- V. **JURY PAY:** The Auditor presented the Parke County Clerk's Certification of jury fees collected for May 2025, and requested \$194.96 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 \$194.96 from the County Users Fund to the Jury Fee Fund. The motion was seconded by Matt Helderman and unanimously carried.
- VI. **TRANSFER OF FUNDS:** None presented.

## **VII. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- **Roy Wrightsman – County Council President**
  - Informed Council members of upcoming State Board of Accounts County Council Annual Conference to be held on June 21, 2025. Anyone wishing to attend should contact the Auditor.
  - Discussed an article in the Tribune Star, part of the State's 2025 budget bill prohibits funding to community mental health providers with employees receiving more than \$400,000 a year. Public records indicate Hamilton Center CEO is currently making more than twice that limit. This needs to be monitored closely.

## **VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Redevelopment Commission (RDC):** TIF Hearing no excess AV. Purchase agreement for the bank building has been extended until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Revolving loan request was held for additional information from the requester.

**Courthouse Security Committee:** Reviewed courthouse security plan, a safety drill will occur at a later date.

**Planning and Zoning Board:** Did not meet.

**West Central Solid Waste District (SWD):** Electronic Recycle day is June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, illegal dumping continues at Scott Pets Recycle area.

**Northern Parke Regional Sewer District:** First official meeting was held June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 to elect officers, there is no funding so at this time no additional progress will be made.

## **IX. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

- **Susan Kramer, Auditor:**
  - The Auditor's Cash Flow Statement was submitted for review by the Council Members.
- **Katie Potter, Assessor:**
  - 4<sup>th</sup> round of cyclical reassessments are currently being performed.
  - Form 11's had been sent out to taxpayers, appeals are starting to come in.
  - Will be accepting sealed bids for a contractor to perform cyclical reassessments of real property for property tax purposes.
- **Jim Meece, Commissioner:**
  - Accepting bids for cleaning services
  - Enterprise Fleet Management working on a quote
  - Continue to have temperature issues with the Court Room and the Judges' office, Johnson Controls states that it is an exhaust sensor not the new chiller, parts are on order.
  - Matt Stechley is obtaining quotes for repairs and/or replacement.
  - Melcher Bridge work will begin soon Collom Excavating has moved equipment in, abutment should be poured soon

- During the MainStreet Rockville Annual Cruise In & Car Show held on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 there was an incident where a participant had stepped in what appeared to be a sinkhole. Upon further investigation it had to do with an area around the underground tunnel leading to the Old Jail Inn. Repairs are being planned, no injuries were reported.

- **Kim Shorter, Treasurer:**

- Working on Spring Settlement

## **X. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Certificate of appointment of Sherry Paxton to the Parke County Public Library Board. Matt Helderman made a motion to reappoint Sherry Paxton to the Parke County Public Library Board. Tom Rohr seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Roy Wrightsman presented the Notice of Possible Parke County LIT rate change that will be sent to all taxing units.
- At 9:29 a.m. the council meeting was recessed so the Council members and the Auditor could go on facility tours at the Courthouse, Highway Garage, EMS building, 4-H Fairgrounds and the Rockville Lake Park.

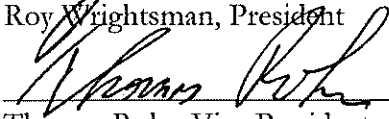
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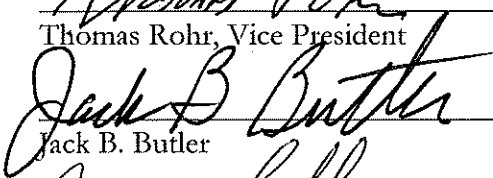
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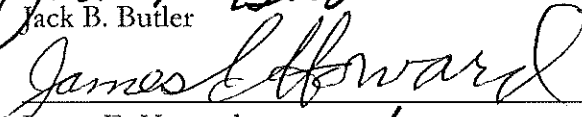
Roy Wrightsman, President



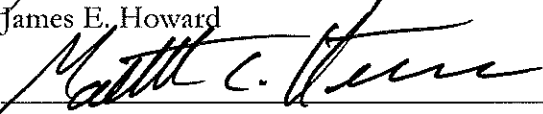
Thomas Rohr, Vice President



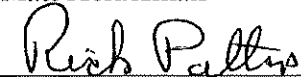
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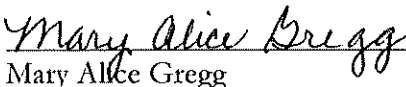
James E. Howard



Matt Helderman

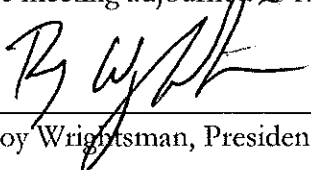


Rick Patton

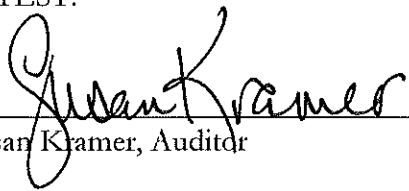


Mary Alice Gregg

**ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business to come before the Council, the motion to adjourn was made by Jack B Butler and seconded by Thomas Rohr. The meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

  
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Roy Wrightsman, President

ATTEST:

  
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Susan Kramer, Auditor