

COUNTY COUNCIL

March 13th, 2025

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, March 13th, 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; Susan Kramer, Auditor. Also present were Katie Potter, Kim Shorter, Leanna Collisi, Jim Meece and Stephanie Laws.
- III. **READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes for the Council Meeting held on January 9th, 2025 were presented. Jack B Butler made a motion to approve the February 13th, 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 February 26th, 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: Jack B Butler made a motion to approve the additional appropriation requests for the 4502 RDC Central Parke TIF and 1170 Public Safety County Share as advertised on February 26th, 2025. The motion was seconded by Thomas Rohr and carried unanimously. Jack B Butler made the motion to deny the appropriation for bituminous materials – LIT EDIT Fund as it should have been out of the MVH Restricted Fund. The motion was seconded by Thomas Rohr and carried unanimously.

RDC-CENTRAL PARKE TIF

Building and Grounds	4502-00-04-7050	281,800.00	281,800.00
Total RDC- CENTRAL PARKE TIF	Total	281,800.00	281,800.00

PUBLIC SAFETY COUNTY SHARE

Vehicles - Ambulance	1170-00-04-7011	100,000.00	100,000.00
Total PUBLIC SAFETY COUNTY SHARE	Total	100,000.00	100,000.00

LIT EDIT FUND

Bituminous Materials	1112-00-02-3111	530,000.00	0.00
Total LIT EDIT FUND	Total	530,000.00	0.00

- V. **JURY PAY:** The Auditor presented the Parke County Clerk's Certification of jury fees collected for February 2025, and requested \$320.27 be transferred into the Jury Pay Fund, pursuant to IC 33-19-8-8. Jim Howard made the motion to direct the Auditor to transfer the jury fees collected in the amount of \$320.27 from the County Users Fund to the Jury Fee Fund. The motion was seconded by Mary Alice Gregg and unanimously carried.

VI. TRANSFER OF FUNDS: None presented.

VII. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- **Stephanie Laws – Health Department Board President**

Resignation of the Janet Cooper extra clerical for the Health Department which was a permanent part-time position. After discussion with the other members of the Health Board and the current Health Department staff it has been decided that replacing that position would not be in the best interest of the Health Department. The Health Board recommends that a 1099 contracted position be created at the permanent part-time rate, it would be a one-year contract and the position would be reevaluated at the end of the contracted year. Council President Roy Wrightsman advised Stephanie to move forward with the 1099 contracted position as there is no fiscal impact to the County.

- **Katie Potter – Assessor**

Presented Indiana Broadband Infrastructure Investment Zone Application by Bloomingdale Home Telephone Inc. for review and signature of the Council President Roy Wrightsman. Thomas Rohr made a motion to approve the Infrastructure Investment Zone application. Rick Patton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- **Jason Frazier – Sheriff**

Jason Frazier was unable to attend the council meeting but submitted a request for a grant application in the amount of \$15,687.00 to be used for the creation of a mobile app for enhanced community outreach regarding Opioid crisis. Thomas Rohr made a motion to table the grant application request until the April council meeting when Sheriff Frazier will be present to answer additional question. Rick Patton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Redevelopment Commission (RDC): Did not meet.

Courthouse Security Committee: Did not meet.

Planning and Zoning Board: Did not meet.

West Central Solid Waste District (SWD): Did not meet.

IX. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

- **Susan Kramer, Auditor:**

- The Auditor's Cash Flow Statement was submitted for review by the Council Members.

- **Katie Potter, Assessor:**

- Tyler Technologies employee was doing new construction assessments when there was a dog bite incident, since this is Tyler Technologies' employee they are responsible for handling the police report and workman's compensation reporting.
- Ration study has been submitted and is being reviewed by the DLGF.

- **Jim Meece, Commissioner:**

- Testified regarding SB 1 at the State discussing the financial impact the bill would have on Parke County.
- New chiller is on schedule for April installation
- Received 1.5 million in Community Crossing Grant
- Interior doors at the Courthouse will be removed and refinished during the next few months
- Mowing has been arranged
- Day of Prayer has been scheduled at the Courthouse for May 1st, 2025.
- Highway Superintendent should start next week, he was unable to start March 3rd due to illness and hospitalization.
- Shred Truck has been scheduled for document destruction.

- **Kim Shorter, Treasurer:**

- Currently waiting to print tax bills
- Presented Certificate of Deposit investment information for Parke County for the Council to review.
- Mary Alice Gregg asked about the status of the past due Inn Keepers tax. The Treasurer stated that she had not heard anything since the Indiana State Police came to her office to gather information. Council President, Roy Wrightsman stated he had spoken to the Prosecutor previously and that the Indiana State Police were to be in the Prosecutor's office that day to provide an update. Roy is going to follow up with the Prosecutor on this matter.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

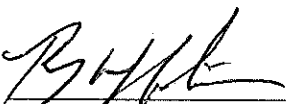
- HB1245 has not been heard yet but is expected to pass, Bob Clutter is working on the Ordinance to address it.
- Inn Keepers Tax language correction, Senator Deery is still working on getting it into a Bill this session.
- Compensatory Time Joint Resolution is to be reviewed by the Council and Commissioners. Council President Roy Wrightsman would like for the Council to adopt the Resolution during their April 10th, 2025 council meeting.

XI. OLD BUSINESS:

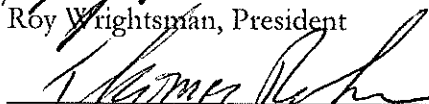
- Certificate of Appointment for Cameron Martin to Alcohol Board only required Council signatures.

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Roy Wrightsman, President



Thomas Rohr, Vice President



Jack B. Butler

James E. Howard
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Matt C. Helder
Matt Helder

Rick Patton
Rick Patton

Mary Alice Gregg
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 9:41 a.m.

Roy Wightsman
Roy Wightsman, President

ATTEST:

Susan Kramer
Susan Kramer, Auditor