

COUNTY COUNCIL

August 8th, 2024

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, August 8th, 2024 to consider additional requests in excess of the budget allowed for 2024, 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, Vice President; Jack B. Butler; James E. Howard; Rick Patton; Thomas Rohr; Cameron Martin; Susan Kramer, 1st Deputy Auditor. Also present were Jason Frazier, John Martin, Katie Potter, April Mason, Leanna Collisi, Luke Moody, Mary Alice Gregg, Nicole Collings, Stephany Dowd, Alexis Joyner, Stacie Amerman and Matt Hayes.
- III. **READING OF THE MINUTES:** None
- IV. **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:** The Council considered additional appropriation requests as published in the newspaper July 24th, 2024.

Council President, John K. Pratt, reviewed the appropriations from written requests submitted by Auditor, Mary Anne Wood. 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 2024, 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: Tom Rohr made a motion to approve the additional appropriation requests for the 1237 Opioid Restricted Fund, 1238 Opioid Unrestricted Fund, 21.027 American Rescue Plan Fund, and the 1169 Local Roads & Streets Fund as advertised on July 24th, 2024. The motion was seconded by Cameron Martin and carried unanimously. Roy Wrightsman made the motion to table the appropriation for Joink Broadband Match - 21.027 American Rescue Plan Fund. The motion was seconded by J.B. Butler and carried unanimously.

<u>FUND/DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
Local Roads & Streets:		
Bituminous Materials for the Highway Department 1169-00-02-3100	\$35,141.83	\$35,141.83
Total Local Roads & Streets:	\$35,141.83	\$35,141.83
21.027 American Rescue Plan:		
Building Maintenance Jail 8912-00-03-5062	\$337,569.09	\$337,569.09
Broadband Match 8912-00-03-5085	\$189,821.00	\$0.00 (on hold until 9-12-24)
Total 21.027 American Rescue Plan:	\$527,390.09	\$337,569.09
Opioid Restricted:		
Service Contracts 1237-00-03-5080	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Operating Supplies 1237-00-02-3100	\$9,568.80	\$9,568.8
Total Opioid Restricted:	\$29,568.80	\$29,568.80
Opioid Unrestricted:		
Equipment 1238-00-02-3100	\$10,950.00	\$10,950.00
Total Opioid Unrestricted:	\$10,950.00	\$10,950.00

V. **JURY PAY:** The Auditor presented the Parke County Clerk's Certification of jury fees collected for July 2024, and requested \$388.62 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 \$388.62 from the County Users Fund to the Jury Fee Fund. The motion was seconded by Cameron Martin and unanimously carried.

VI. **TRANSFER OF FUNDS:** None presented.

VII. **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- **Public Comments:** None presented.

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):

Tom Rohr announced that Toxaway Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 14th, 2024 from 8:00 until 1:00 p.m.

IX. **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

- **Mary Anne Wood, Auditor:**

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

- **Katie Potter, Assessor:**

- Katie Potter presented the Parke County Council with an update regarding reassessment. The Assessor's office has completed reassessment in Raccoon and Rosedale Townships. They are currently working in Union Township. The IBTR Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, September 11th, 2024. The Assessor's office is in the middle of Informal Appeals Hearings.

- **Luke Moody, Highway Superintendent:**

- Luke Moody reported on the Community Crossings Grant. The Highway Department is continuing to pave roads. The Highway Department would like to request money for gravel for 200 North and 775 East before paving them with the Community Crossings Grant. Luke Moody requested \$26,000.00 for the purchase of the gravel. Roy Wrightsman suggested taking the money from the MVH Restricted Fund. Luke Moody will resubmit the gravel request for \$26,000.00 for additional appropriation out of the 1173 Fund - MVH Restricted. Roy Wrightsman stated that next year, this type of request can be submitted as a re-appropriation instead of an additional appropriation.

- **Mary Alice Gregg, Recorder:**

- Mary Alice Gregg reported that the Recorder's Office finally received the credit card machine that they had ordered two years ago. U.S. Imagining is getting ready to come back to rescan some items that did not scan correctly.

- **Jason Frazier, Sheriff:**

- Jason Frazier submitted the Commissary Report to the Parke County Council for review. Jason Frazier reported that one deputy will be leaving and the Sheriff's Department will be hiring a new deputy within the month.

- **Nicole Collings, Clerk:**

- Nicole Collings gave an update on gearing up for the General Election this November 2024. Nicole Collings and Chris O'Brien went to Brownsburg, IN to see the options for preparedness that can be put in place in case of an emergency during the election.

- **Stephany Dowd, Parke County Local Coordination Council (LCC) Administrator:**

- Stephany Dowd requested a grant for the Hamilton Center to purchase "Too Good for Drugs" which is an evidenced based program for grades 6-12. The cost of the program is \$1,568.80 and can be purchased from the Mendez Foundation. This curriculum will be used by case managers when meeting with students in all of the Parke County Schools. The "Too Good for Drugs" program can also be used for DCS referrals and Juvenile Probation. Stephany Dowd would like to request that the \$1,568.80 to come out of the 1237 Fund – Opioid Restricted.
- Stephany Dowd had another grant request from the Opioid Restricted Fund 1237 for the Southwest Parke School Corporation in the amount of \$20,000.00. This money will provide school groups in Rosedale, in Montezuma and in Riverton Junior and Senior High Schools with programs exploring Mental Health issues. Stephany Dowd invited Alexis Joyner, a counselor at the Riverton Junior and Senior High Schools, to explain how the programs are working at the different school levels. She explained that last year the program was funded by SR Funding. Preschoolers utilize programs like Bouncy which helps them be the bosses of their bodies and helps them control themselves. There is also another program called Wiggles which is similar to the Bouncy program. There are also other programs such as Love Yourself and Being a Good Friend. High schoolers will learn coping skills and building healthy relationships for good mental health. At the High School level, they explore family systems and trauma. Roy Wrightsman asked why did the Southwest Parke School Corporation needed \$12,000.00 more than the North Central Parke Community School Corporation. Alexis Joyner replied that it might be related to the nature and the number of services needed in each school corporation. Alexis Joyner stated that she completed four safety assessments on the first day of school and had to call the Hamilton Center to assist with the issues the students were reporting to her.
- Roy Wrightsman mentioned that the North Central Parke Community School Corporation will have two distributions of \$8,000.00. Stephany Dowd explained that the application, request and additional appropriation for the first \$8,000.00 grant happened in 2023. However, there was no check cut in 2023 and then 2024 rolled around and the process needed to be resubmitted again.
- Stephany Dowd presented the Parke County Council with another grant for the Sheriff's Department to purchase three License Plate Readers for \$10,950.00. This money was requested to come out of the Opioid Unrestricted Fund 1238 as well as money for National Night Out Program. During the Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council (JRAC) meeting the purchase of the license plate readers were approved. The \$10,950.00 will need to be transferred after the Parke County Council approves it on Thursday, September 12th, 2024.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

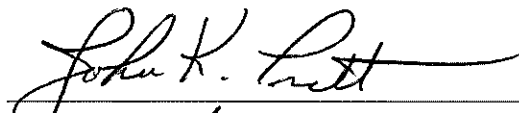
- The Parke County Council had been sent a Certificate of Appointment of Wayne Baldwin as the new Montezuma Public Library Board President. This certificate needed to be signed. Tom Rohr made the motion to approve and sign the Certificate of Appointment of Wayne Baldwin. The motion was seconded by J.B. Butler.
- Nicole Collings presented the Parke County Council with a grant request to replace the doors at the Marshall Federated Church in the amount of \$5,500.00. This is an election polling location for Parke County residents. Roy Wrightsman made the motion to approve and sign the grant request for \$5,500.00 to fix the doors at the Marshall Federated Church. Cameron Martin seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

XI. OLD BUSINESS:

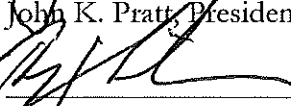
- Roy Wrightsman explained that Cyndi Todd has requested additional information from Joink before we pay the \$189,821.00 invoice. The question was raised about what locations were granted for and what locations are per passing. Originally, 636 locations were applied for. We just need to determine who was awarded the funding and what is owed to the taxpayers of Parke County. It was suggested that this issue be tabled again until we receive the correct information that Cyndi Todd has request from Joink. A list of locations would be beneficial. Roy Wrightsman made the motion to table the payment of the Joink Claim Voucher until the next Parke County Council Meeting to be held on Thursday, September 12th, 2024. J.B. Butler seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
- Roy Wrightsman stated, as a reminder, that restricted funds should be used first before the unrestricted funds in the future. Unrestricted funds have more flexibility that the restricted funds. We cannot change funds since they have already been published in the local paper at this time.

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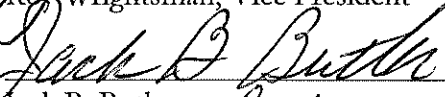
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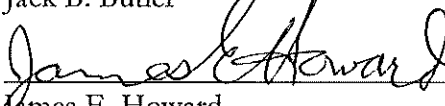
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Roy Wrightsman, Vice President



Jack B. Butler



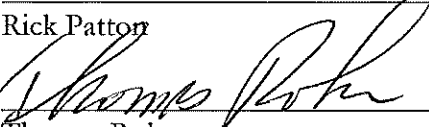
James E. Howard



Cameron Martin

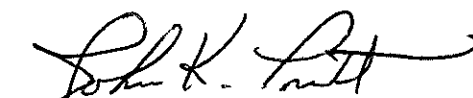


Rick Patton



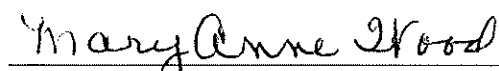
Thomas Rohr

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business to come before the Council, the motion to adjourn was made by Tom Rohr and seconded by Cameron Martin. The meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.



John K. Pratt, President

ATTEST:



Mary Anne Wood, Auditor