

COUNTY COUNCIL
October 10th, 2024

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, October 10th, 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; Cameron Martin; Rick Patton; Thomas Rohr; Jim Howard and Susan Kramer, Auditor and Susan Kramer, 1st Deputy Auditor. Also present were Beth Martin, Jason Frazier, Jim Meece, Katie Potter, Mary Alice Gregg, Stacie Amerman, John Martin and Chris O'Brien.
- III. **READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes from August 15th, 2024 Budget Meeting and September 12th, 2024 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Jack B Butler and seconded by Cameron Marin to approve the minutes as presented and the motion carried unanimously.
- IV. **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:** The Council considered additional appropriation requests as published in the newspaper September 20th, 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: Jack B. Butler made a motion to approve the additional appropriation request for the EMS Training Institution, LIT Emergency Med Services and the 21.027 American Rescue Plan fund as advertised on September 20th, 2024. The motion was seconded by Cameron Martin and carried unanimously.

<u>FUND/DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
EMS Training Institution		
Operating Supplies 4909-00-02-3100	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Education & Training Material 4909-002-02-3110	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Professional Training Service 4909-00-03-5085	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
EMS Training Institution Total:	\$13,500.00	\$13,500.00
LIT Emergency Med Services		
Overtime Salaries 1236-00-01-1804	\$39,000.00	\$39,000.00
Services Contracts 1236-00-03-5083	\$28,000.00	\$28,000.00
LIT Emergency Med Services Total:	\$67,000.00	\$67,000.00
21.027 American Rescue Plan		
EMS Chest Compression 8912-00-03-5046	\$6,257.00	\$6,257.00
21.27 American Rescue Plan Total:	\$6,257.00	\$6,257.00

V. **REAPPROPRIATIONS:** There were two checks received in the amount of \$198.90 and \$501.69 from Governmental Interinsurance Exchange for a total of \$700.59 that will need to be reappropriated to the following funds.

Vehicle Maintenance EMT LIT Fund	1236-00-03-5060	\$198.90
Vehicle Maintenance Vermillion EMS Fund	4911-00-03-5060	\$501.69
Total		\$700.59

A motion was made by Thomas Rohr and seconded by Jack B Butler to approve the reappropriations as presented and it carried unanimously.

VI. **JURY PAY:** Jury Pay was not presented

VII. **TRANSFERS:** No transfers were presented

VIII. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Redevelopment Commission (RDC): Did not meet.

Courthouse Security Committee: Did not meet.

Planning and Zoning Board: Recommending the appointment of Beth Martin to the Planning and Zoning Administrator position.

Solid Waste District (SWD): Did not meet.

IX. **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

- **Susan Kramer, Auditor**
 - Presented the cash flow statement
- **Jason Frazier, Sheriff:**
 - Presented monthly report
- **Jim Meece, Commissioner:**
 - Provided an update on the condition of the Custodian
 - ARPA funds need to be contracted by 12/31/2024
 - Melcher Bridge DNR approval still pending will need a temporary roof to protect from winter damage
 - Nevins Bridge need siding repair and painting
 - Thorpe Ford Bridge metal roof to be replaced by the Highway Department
- **Mary Alice Gregg, Recorder:**
 - No report

- **Chris O'Brien, EMA Director:**
 - Requested approval for the Emergency Management Grant – EMA Salary Reimbursement from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$18,450.00 this is a reimbursable grant the requires a budget. Roy Wrightsman made a motion to approve the grant application, Jack B Butler seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - Presented the Hazard Mitigation Plan so the largest risk to Parke County would be Tornado, straight-line/high winds and flash floods
- **Kattie Potter, Assessor**
 - Reassessments are currently taking place in Union township

X. NEW BUSINESS: Ordinance 2024-12 Modifying Local Income Tax Rates

BE IT ORDAINED by the COUNTY COUNCIL of PARKE COUNTY that a need now exists to modify the local income tax rates imposed in the following way:

Allocation Rate Category	Existing LIT Rate	Proposed LIT Rate
Certified Shares (IC 6-3.6-6)	1.47%	1.41%
Public Safety (IC 6-3.6-6)	0.25%	0.25%
Economic Development (IC 6-3.6-6)	0.34%	0.39%
Property Tax Relief Rate (IC 6-3.6-5)	0.40%	0.40%
Special Purpose Rate (IC 6-3.6-7-__)	0%	0%
Correctional or Rehabilitation Facilities (IC 6-3.6-6-2.7)	0%	0%
Emergency Medical Service (IC 6-3.6-6-2.8)	0.19%	0.20%
Staff Expenses for State Judicial System (IC 6-3.6-6-2.9)	0%	0%
Acute Hospital Care (IC 6-3.6-6-2.9)	0%	0%

Property Tax Credit Allocation Categories (IC 6-3.6-5-6)	Existing Percent of Revenue	Proposed Percent of Revenue
All Property Tax Allocation Categories	50%	50%
1% Allocation Type: Homesteads eligible for a credit under IC 6-1.1-20.6-7.5.	50%	50%
2% Allocation Type Residential property, agricultural land, long term care property, and other tangible property eligible for a credit under IC 6-1.1-20.6-7.5.	%	%
3% Allocation Type Nonresidential real property, personal property, and other tangible property eligible for a credit under IC 6-1.1-20.6-7.5.	%	%
Residential property, as defined in 6-1.1-20.6-4.	%	%

Qualified Residential Property Refers to any of the following, apartment complex, homestead, or residential rental property ⁵	%	
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FOR COUNTIES DIRECTING A PORTION OF PUBLIC SAFETY REVENUE TO PSAP

The public safety allocation identified above includes revenue associated with an expenditure rate that was previously authorized for the purposes of funding the county's public safety access point ("PSAP"). The revenue associated with this rate shall be directed to the PSAP prior to the distribution of the remainder of the public safety revenue.

Allocation Rate Category	Existing LIT Rate	Proposed LIT Rate
Public Safety (IC 6-3.6-6)	0%	0%

Local Income Tax Type	Existing PSAP Rate	Proposed PSAP Rate
Public Safety Access Point Rate	0%	0%

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THIS SECTION IS RESERVED FOR LEVY FREEZE COUNTIES ONLY

The expenditure rate includes a rate associated with a levy freeze rate previously imposed under the former local option income tax statutes.

Allocation Rate Category	Existing LIT Rate	Proposed LIT Rate
Certified Shares (IC 6-3.6-6)	1.00%	1.00%

The levy freeze rate after adoption will be as follows:

Local Income Tax Type	Existing Rate	Proposed Rate
Levy Freeze Rate	0.47%	0.41%

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a public hearing was held on the proposed local income tax rate modifications on SEPTEMBER 12, 2024. Proper notice of the public hearing was provided pursuant to IC 5-3-1.

Duly adopted by the following vote of the members of said PARKE COUNTY COUNCIL this 10TH day of OCTOBER, 2024.

After the public hearing, the PARKE COUNTY COUNCIL may take action on the proposed ordinance.

There is no remonstrance opportunity on any action taken on the proposed ordinance.

The public hearing identified above is the taxpayer's opportunity to express concerns and ask questions on the proposed ordinance.

Jack B Butler made a motion to approve the modification of the 2025 Local Income Tax Rates for Parke County. The motion was seconded by Thomas Rohr and was carried unanimously.

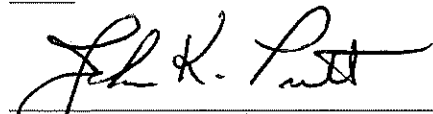
XI. OLD BUSINESS: Additional Appropriation tabled

21.027 American Rescue Plan	Requested	Approved
Broadband Match 8912-00-03-5085	\$189,821.00	\$0
21.027 American Rescue Plan		

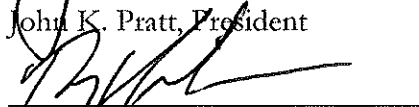
XII. GENERAL BUSINESS: None presented

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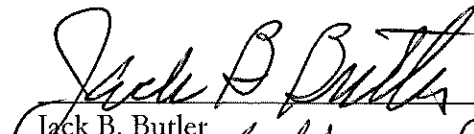
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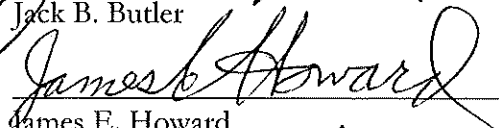
John K. Pratt, President



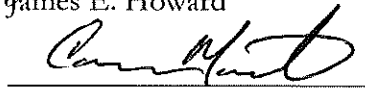
Roy Wrightsman, Vice President



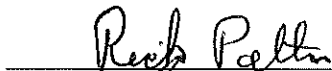
Jack B. Butler




James E. Howard



Cameron Martin

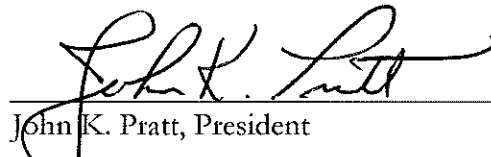


Rick Patton



Thomas Rohr

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business to come before the Council, the motion to adjourn was made by Jack B. Butler and seconded by Roy Wrightsman. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.



John K. Pratt, President

ATTEST


Susan Kramer, Auditor