

COUNTY COUNCIL

February 8th, 2024

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, February 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; Cameron Martin; Rick Patton; Thomas Rohr; Mary Anne Wood, Auditor and Susan Kramer, 1st Deputy Auditor. Also present were Jim Meece, John Martin, Kim Shorter, Katie Potter, Jessica Lancaster, Chris Newcomb, Stephanie Laws, Stacie Amerman, Mandy Adams-Washburn, Kris Comar and Tim Yocum.
- III. **READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes from August 17th 2023 and January 11th, 2024 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Roy Wrightsman and seconded by Tom Rohr 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 January 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: Roy Wrightsman made a motion to approve the additional appropriation requests as advertised on January 24th, 2024. The motion was seconded by Jack B Butler and carried unanimously.

<u>FUND/DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
Innkeepers Tax Fund		
Professional Services 4910-00-03-5085	\$8,648.50	\$8,648.50
Total Innkeepers Tax Fun:	\$8,648.50	\$8,648.50
Problem Solving CRT PRG Income		
Service Contracts 2450-00-03-5080	\$1,920.00	\$1,920.00
Total Problem-Solving CRT PRG Income:	\$1,920.00	\$1,920.00
1237 Opioid Restricted		
Travel and Training 1237-00-03-5021	\$9,452.00	\$9,452.00
1237 Opioid Restricted Fund:	\$9,452.00	\$9,452.00
9117 L.H.Emer Prepared Fund (January meeting)		
Administrator 9117-01-01-1100	\$12,783.96	\$12,783.96
Social Security 9117-00-01-2100	\$1,026.75	\$1,026.75
Operating Supplies 9117-00-02-3100	\$2,740.00	\$2,740.00
Total 9117 L.H.Emer Prepared Fund:	\$16,550.71	\$16,550.71

V. **TRANSFER OF FUNDS:** The Council approved the request for the transfer of funds on a motion made by Roy Wrightsman. The motion was seconded by Jack B Butler and carried unanimously.

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

Amount: \$500.00
From: 1000-09-01-1702
 General/ Board of Review
To: 1000-09-03-5080
 General/ Service Contracts

VI. **JURY PAY:** The Auditor presented the Parke County Clerk's certificate of jury fees collected for January 2024, in the amount of \$342.23 requested this amount to be transferred to 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 \$342.23, from the County Users Fund to the Jury Fee Fund. The motion was seconded by Jim Howard and carried unanimously.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Redevelopment Commission (RDC):

Roy Wrightsman

- Did not meet but did submit a readi grant request to secure funding for the bank building.

Courthouse Security Committee:

John Pratt

- Courthouse security training exercise going to be scheduled later this summer
- Commissioners drafting an ordinance for banning weapons in the courthouse
- False alarm on the Duress system. Alarm was triggered in the basement; security officer was on duty and responded quickly.

Planning and Zoning Board:

Jack B. Butler

- Did not meet

Solid Waste District (SWD):

Thomas Rohr

- Provided information on the SWD annual report, Parke County had 8,328 pounds of electronic waste, 58,572 pounds of Toxaway (tires and appliances) and 193 tons of recyclables.

VIII. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

- **Katie Potter, Assessor:**
 - Discussed Indiana Broadband Infrastructure Investment Zone Abatement application for Bloomingdale Home Telephone Company, Inc. John Pratt signed on behalf of the Council; Mary Anne Wood will take to the Commissioner's meeting on February 19th, 2024.

- **Chris Newcomb, Rockville Lake Park:**

- Discussed demolition of the Rockville Lake Pier to be completed by Collom Excavating in March 2024, estimate was provided to the Council for review and additional appropriation will be submitted at the March council meeting.

- **Stephanie Laws, Health Department:**

- Health First Indiana establishes a public health infrastructure through a state and local partnership where services are delivered at the local level, Parke County opted in for 2024. Health Department is currently doing an internal audit of all core services provided by the Health Department looking for process and procedure improvements that can be implemented.
- Local Health Emergency Preparedness, Parke County Health Board has approved payment of the remaining two months grant money 2022 to Liddy Dowd-Wright. Parke County Health Board will discuss the additional six months payment at their next scheduled meeting and will notify the Auditor of the outcome.

- **Chris O'Brien, Emergency Management/ E911:**

Discussed reorganization of the 2025 Dispatch budget:

STATEWIDE			
1222-00	911		
	FUND#	EXPENSES	BUDGET
	00-01-1114	Dispatcher - 6	229,194.00
	00-01-1115	Part Time Dispatcher	8,100.00
	00-01-1118	Dispatch Training & IDACS Stipend	2,500.00
	00-01-1804	Overtime	50,000.00
		Total	289,794.00
	911		
1000-42	Equipment		
	FUND#	EXPENSES	BUDGET
	42-01-1000	Department Head	11,460.00
	42-03-5030	Telephone	1,500.00
	42-03-5040	Equipment Maintenance	10,000.00
	42-03-5070	Dues	175.00
	42-03-5080	Service Contracts	70,000.00
		Total	93,135.00
1000-19	Sheriff		
	FUND#	EXPENSES	BUDGET
	19-01-1118	Dispatcher Supervisor	39,323.00
	19-02-3011	Office Supplies Dispatch	2,000.00
	19-03-5022	Travel & Training Dispatch	4,500.00
	19-03-5070	Dues	175.00
		Total	45,998.00

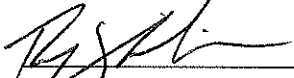
IX. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Tim Yocum discussed shared County Engineer between Vermillion County and Parke County; Jim Meece has been in contact with LTAP to assist in the hiring process.
- 2024 Mileage Rate will remain at 44 cents per mile
- Stacie Amerman presented Hamilton Center Annual Report
- Appointment of Rachell Mundell to the Library Board to replace Sheila Rohr

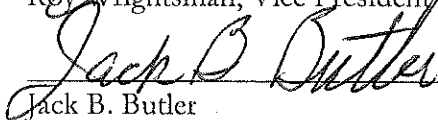
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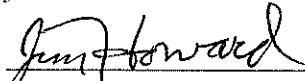
John K. Pratt, President



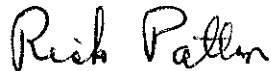
Roy Wrightsman, Vice President



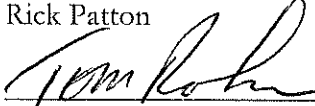
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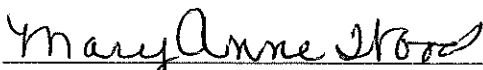
Cameron Martin

NAY

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business to come before the Council, the motion to adjourn was made by Jack B. Butler and seconded by Cameron Martin. The meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.


John K. Pratt, President

ATTEST:



Mary Anne Wood, Auditor