

## COUNTY COUNCIL

December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a special meeting on Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to consider additional requests in excess of the budget allowed for 2021, 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; Larry Gambaiani, Vice President; Roy Wrightsman, Rick Patton, Jack B. Butler, James E. Howard and Cameron Martin. Present from the Auditor's Office were Laura Fischer, Auditor and Michelle Woods, 3<sup>rd</sup> Deputy Auditor. Also present were Jim Meece, Cyndi Todd, John Martin, Randy Norman and Janie Hardman.
- III. **READING OF THE MINUTES:** No Minutes were presented to the Council for approval.
- IV. **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:** No Additional appropriations were presented for the Council for approval.
- V. **TRANSFER OF FUNDS:** The Council approved the requests for the transfer of funds on a motion made by Roy Wrightsman and seconded by Jack B. Butler. The motion carried unanimously.

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

**Amount:** \$8,152.28  
**From:** 1000-15-01-2100  
County Commissioner – Social Security  
**To:** 1000-15-01-2200  
County Commissioner - PERF

**Amount:** \$38.19  
**From:** 1168-00-01-1123  
Health Dept. – Nurse  
**To:** 1168-00-01-2100  
Health Dept. – Social Security

**Amount:** \$100.20  
**From:** 1222-00-03-5090  
State Wide 911 – Publications  
**To:** 1222-00-01-2100  
State Wide 911 – Social Security

**Amount:** \$36,535.12  
**From:** 1112-00-03-5011  
Co. Hwy LIT – Equipment Rental  
**To:** 1112-00-02-3042  
Co. Hwy LIT – Repair Parts

**Amount:** \$10,919.75  
**From:** 1112-00-02-3111  
Co. Hwy LIT – Bituminous Materials  
**To:** 1112-00-02-3042  
Co. Hwy LIT – Repair Parts

**Amount:** \$3,481.63  
**From:** 1135-00-03-5140  
Cum Bridge Hwy – Legal Service  
**To:** 1135-00-01-1126  
Cum Bridge Hwy – Bridge Carpenter

**VI. REAPPROPRIATIONS: N/A**

**VII. JURY PAY: N/A**

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS: N/A**

**IX. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

- Jim Meece, Commissioner:
  - Bridgeton-Not enough grant money to do every street. Will need funds on top of grant to do every street. Also looking to do Ferndale Road.
  - Reminder that the Chiller needs replaced.
- Randy Norman, Hwy Supervisor:
  - Provided information for why they needed additional funds. Stated the highway has had a lot of expenses this year. Need money for a new engine in one of the trucks. Janie Hardman explained why there was a need for additional funds for the Bridge Carpenter line.
  - Also provided a list of roads the highway will be applying for in January 2022.


**X. NEW BUSINESS:**

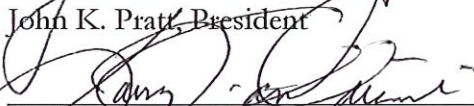
- **Ordinance 2021-11:** Joint resolution with the County Commissioners. Premium pay for public safety employees from the American Rescue Plan. Up to \$2,000.00 for 2022 – Motion made by Jack B. Butler to approve, seconded by Cameron Martin. The Ordinance passed unanimously.
- **Ordinance 2021-12:** Joint resolution with the County Commissioners. Allocating matched funds for round 3 of the Indiana Next Level Connection Broadband Grant Program. Challenge process was revealed and the number of locations has changed. ARP group submitted decision to appropriate up to \$1,004,900.00 in match money for the applications submitted by providers. Motion to approve was made by Larry Gambaiani and seconded by Rick Patton. The Ordinance passed unanimously.
- Following approval of 2022 Salary Ordinance, a few things came up that needs to be amended. Add notation for hourly overtime rates for approved personnel. Amend notation 15 - award premium pay, amend notation 5 - ambulance service. A motion was made by Jack B. Butler to amend Salary Ordinance and seconded by Cameron Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

## XI. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Informational piece provided by Roy Wrightsman on allocation of ARP funds per Ordinance 2021-12. The ARP group chose to allocate funds based upon dollars per eligible address in the grant program or passed address to get to that location. Used Joink addresses that were applied for because they had the largest number county had request for. Joink ended up with 53 eligible addresses and 720 passed addresses. Amount of match allocated would be \$1300.00 per eligible or passed address awarded to the provider. If there are fewer, the funds would be retained. Stipulation for any provider: There shall be no fee charged to any eligible address served. Those fees would be awarded by the state if they received grant. Passed address allowed up to 300 feet and not to exceed \$250.00 if resident/business is signed up for service within 6 months. No funds will be awarded to any provider that has not received grant funds from the Next Level Connection Grant. The provider has to sign and agree to receive match dollars. The Commissioners would then execute which would make the provider eligible for the funds.

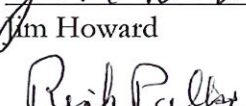
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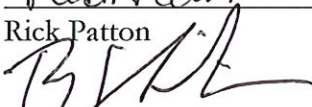
  
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Larry Gambafani, Vice President

  
Jack B. Butler

  
Jim Howard

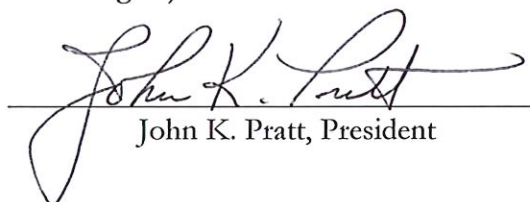
  
Rick Patton

  
Roy Wrightsman

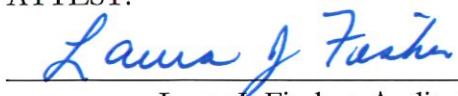
  
Cameron Martin

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**ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business to come before the Council, the motion to adjourn was made by Jack B. Butler and seconded by Rick Patton. The meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

  
John K. Pratt, President

ATTEST:

  
Laura J. Fischer, Auditor

