

COUNTY COUNCIL

February 9th, 2023

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, February 9th, 2023 to consider additional requests in excess of the budget allowed for 2023, 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 Pam Adams, 2nd Deputy Auditor. Also present were John Martin, Katie Potter, Jessica Lancaster, Jason Frazier, Chris O'Brien and Cyndi Todd.
- III. **READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes from January 12th, 2023 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Roy Wrightsman and seconded by Jack B. Butler 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 25th, 2023.

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 2023, 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 as advertised on January 25th, 2023. The motion was seconded by Cameron Martin and carried unanimously.

<u>FUND/DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
Plat Book Fund		
Equipment 1181-00-04-7020	\$150.00	\$150.00
Total Plat Book Fund:	\$150.00	\$150.00
Health Department Fund		
Extra Clerical 1159-00-01-1501	\$234.00	\$234.00
Total Health Department Fund:	\$234.00	\$234.00
Local Health Maintenance Fund		
Extra Clerical 1168-00-01-1501	\$2,496.00	\$2,496.00
Total Local Health Maintenance Fund:	\$2,496.00	\$2,496.00
Sheriff Dept. Forfeited Asset Fund		
Narcotics Investigations 4920-00-03-6032	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
Total Sheriff Dept. Forfeited Asset Fund:	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
21.027 American Rescue Plan Fund		
Broadband Match 8912-00-03-5085	\$1,134,579.00	\$1,134,579.00
IFA Match 8912-00-03-5086	5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Total 21.027 American Rescue Plan Fund:	\$1,139,579.00	\$1,139,579.00

County Donation Fund

Food Pantry 4101-00-03-5089

\$630.00

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Total County Donation Fund:**\$630.00****\$630.00**

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

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

Amount: \$52,920.00

From: 9146-00-01-1000

Problem Solving Court/ Personal Services/ Case Manager Salary Even Year

To: 9146-00-01-1020

Problem Solving Court/ Personal Services/ Case Manager Salary Odd Year

- VI. **REAPPROPRIATIONS:** County Council Vice President Roy Wrightsman advised the Council that a duplicate payment had been made to the company that provided the tent for the 2022 Parke County Covered Bridge Festival, the Auditor's office sent a check and Parke County Incorporated (PCI) also sent a check. These funds need to be reappropriated and PCI will submit a claim for the monies as per the agreement they have with the County. The monies have been returned to the County as of January 20th, 2023. Thomas Rohr made a motion to approve the reappropriation request. The motion was seconded by Roy Wrightsman and carried unanimously.

Amount: \$7,985.00

Fund: 1000-41-03-5083

General/County Council/Other Services & Charges/CBF - Tents

- VII. **JURY PAY:** The Auditor presented the Parke County Clerk's certificate of jury fees collected for December 2022, in the amount of \$95.29 and for January 2023, in the amount of \$62.80 and requested these amounts to be transferred to the Jury Pay Fund, pursuant to IC 33-19-8-8. James E. Howard made the motion to direct the Auditor to transfer the jury fees collected, in the amount of \$83.36, from the County Users Fund to the Jury Fee Fund. The motion was seconded by Cameron Martin and carried unanimously.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Redevelopment Commission (RDC):

Roy Wrightsman

- Held their election of officers. Roy Wrightsman, President; John Pratt, Vice President and Ronja Branson, Secretary.
- Moved their meetings to 6:00 p.m. on the 4th Wednesday of each month at the Parke County Annex Building 1, located at 110 E. High Street, Rockville, IN
- There has been a delay in the US Highway 41 Sewer project due to AT&T putting a drop in the right of way in front of the former ShopCo location.
- In regards to the Revolving Loan Fund/Program, the RDC had begun the process of joining the TRECS program. This program is a vehicle to allow the RDC, as well as other Parke County entities,

X. NEW BUSINESS:

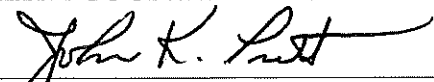
- **Parke County Resolution 2023-02: Reduction of Appropriation.** Whereas, it has been shown that certain existing appropriations now have balances that will not be needed for the purposes for which appropriated, be it resolved that the following existing appropriations will be reduced in the following amounts:

General – Commissioners 1000-15-03-6025 Soil & Water Annual Rent	Amount to reduce \$2,935.16
Re-appropriate to: General – SWCD 1000-10-01-1000 Department Head	\$335.16
General – Clerk 1000-01-01-1000 Clerk	\$1,375.00
General – Clerk 1000-01-01-1100 First Deputy	\$1,128.75
General – Election Board 1000-02-01-1000 Department Head	\$96.25

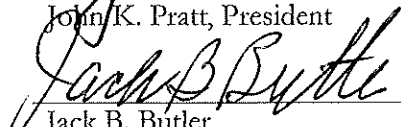
Jack B. Butler made a motion to adopt **Parke County Resolution 2023-02**. The motion was seconded by Thomas Rohr and it carried unanimously.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this 9th day of February, 2023.

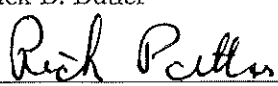
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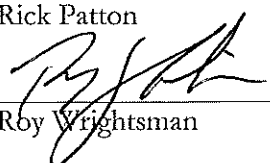
John K. Pratt, President



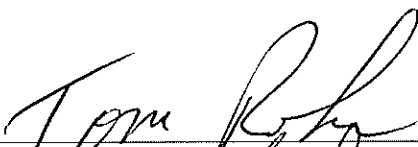
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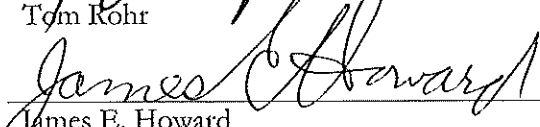
Rick Patton



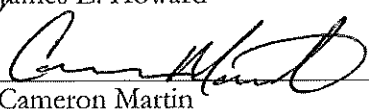
Roy Wrightsman



Tom Rohr



James E. Howard



Cameron Martin

to collect on public debt through Indiana Income Tax returns. The Board of Commissioners signed a Memorandum of Understanding at their February 6th, 2023 meeting. The Parke County Treasurer will be the sole administrator for Parke County. At this time there are two loans the RDC is seeking repayment for, the other loans are being paid as per the agreement.

Courthouse Security Committee: Did not meet.

Planning and Zoning Board:

Jack B. Butler

- Received one petition just before the meeting started, it was in regards to a small kennel. The Board could not take action on it due to noticing requirements for adjoining property owners.
- Received approval to move a billboard.

Solid Waste District (SWD):

Thomas Rohr

- Provided information on the SWD annual report, Parke County had 204 tons of collections in 2022.
- In regards to the budget, the SWD spent down a portion of their reserve fund. There is currently approximately two and one half years of operating balance in the reserve fund. John Pratt noted that the Parke County Council has consistently urged the SWD to spend down the reserve fund.

IX. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

- **Katie Potter, Assessor:**
 - Finishing new construction.
 - Waiting on State approval of Parke County's sales disclosure submission. The State has had the information for a while, but there has been no word on when we will hear if it has been approved.
- **Jason Frazier, Sheriff:**
 - Everything is going well at the Jail.
 - Presented the Council with the 2023 Sheriff's Compensation Agreement. There were no changes to the Contract from 2022 to 2023. Cameron Martin made a motion to approve the 2023 Sheriff's Compensation Contract. Jack B. Butler seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- **Chris O'Brien, Emergency Management/ E911:**
 - Requested an appropriation of American Rescue Plan funds to be used to contract with Gibson Teldata, Inc. to replace the old telephone system at the Jail and the EOC (Parke County Annex Building 1). The Commissioners signed the contract at their February 6th, 2023 meeting. John Pratt indicated that the additional appropriation has not been advertised, therefore the Council cannot officially act on the request. Pratt also stated the American Rescue Plan Board met and approved the project. Roy Wrightsman advised O'Brien to provide the Auditor with exact dollar amounts so that the additional appropriation may be advertised.

This upgrade is to the administrative telephones only, and does not affect the 911 lines in any way as they run from a different trunk line.

- The Parke County, Indiana Broadband Infrastructure Investment Zone Abatement Application was presented to the Council for their consideration. Roy Wrightsman explained this is for broadband expansion and this year the amount is \$275,848.00. Roy Wrightsman made a motion to approve the application. James Howard seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

XI. OLD BUSINESS:

- Additional information was presented to the Council regarding the additional appropriation to the Pre-Trial Diversion Fund from the January 12th, 2023 meeting. It was reported that information containing details of the request had been submitted to the Auditor's office in December of 2022, however that information had not been shared with the Council by the previous Auditor. The request was made to purchase a sonar unit for a Conservation Officer.

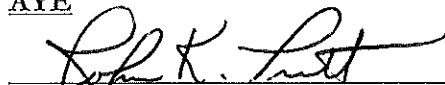
XII. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Roy Wrightsman shared information from the Parke County Highway 2023 Road Project schedule, as well as what has been submitted for the 2023 Community Crossings Grant Paving Projects.
- Wrightsman also stated the County Highway is looking to purchase paving equipment from the Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT) Fund.
- Partnership Parke County Executive Director Cyndi Todd advised the Council that there will be an informational meeting regarding the need to create policies regarding Solar Energy for the County. Models of plans from other communities will be shared with members of the Board of Commissioners and County Council that attend. Parke County has started receiving inquiries regarding the establishment of solar farms and it is recommended the County have a plan in place. The facilitators of this meeting are not affiliated with any Solar Energy Company, they are independent and only offer information.

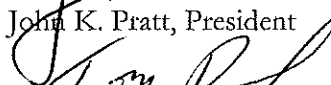
Katie Potter stated that the Council needs to exercise caution when making its plan regarding Solar Energy, because Personal Property assessments and revenues can be negatively affected.

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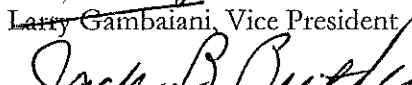
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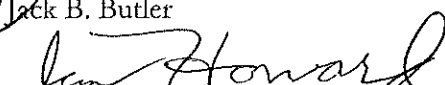
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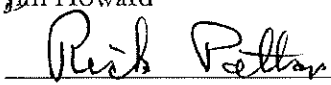
Larry Gambaiani, Vice President




Jack B. Butler



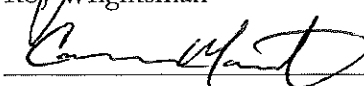
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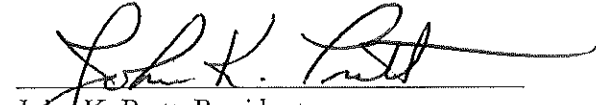


Roy Wrightsman



Cameron Martin

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 9:38 a.m.



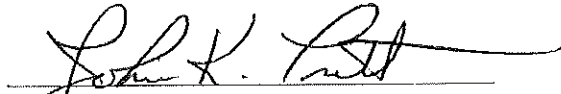
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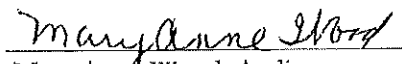


Mary Anne Wood, Auditor

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