

COUNTY COUNCIL

January 12th, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER: The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, January 12th, 2023 to consider additional requests in excess of the budget allowed for 2022, 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 and Julie Lanzone.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS FOR 2023:

Jack B. Butler made a motion to retain John K. Pratt as County Council President and install Roy Wrightsman as County Council Vice President for 2023. Rick Patton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

A listing of appointments was presented for the Council's review. Rick Patton made a motion to approve all of the appointments as presented. Cameron Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously and the following appointments were made for 2023.

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TERM</u>
Council President	John K. Pratt	2023
Council Vice President	Roy Wrightsman	2023
Plan Commission Representative	Jack B. Butler	2023
Economic Redevelopment Commission	John K. Pratt	2023
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West Central Solid Waste District	Thomas Rohr	2023
Thrive West Central Board of Directors	Cameron Martin	2023
Local Alcoholic Beverage Board	John Martin	2023
Parke County Park Board	Matt Helderman	2021-2024
Parke County Park Board	Pam Adams	2013-2026
Board of Zoning Appeals	Brad Craycraft	2023
Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals	Kim Shorter	2023
	Darrek Davis	2023
Parke County Public Library Board	Sherry Paxton	6/1/2021 – 05/31/2025
	Sheila Rohr	1/1/2023- 12/31/2026
Montezuma Public Library Board	Paul Ballantyne	2021-2024
911 Advisory and Communications Board	Cameron Martin	2023
Local Emergency Preparedness Commission		2023
and Emergency Management Agency Advisory Board	Cameron Martin	
County Council Attorney	Robert Clutter	2023

The proposed Parke County Council meeting schedule was reviewed. Thomas Rohr made a motion to adopt the meeting schedule as presented. Roy Wrightsman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Council meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. the location will be at the Parke County Annex #1 building, 110 E. High Street, Rockville, Indiana. Public budget hearing will be on Thursday, August 17th, 2023, and may be subject to change.

IV. READING OF THE MINUTES: Minutes from December 9th, 2022 and December 29th, 2022 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.

V. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS: The Council considered additional appropriation requests as published in the newspaper December 28th, 2022.

The Council asked if the Auditor had any additional information regarding the request for additional appropriation that was advertised in the newspaper. Parke County Auditor, Mary Anne Wood stated that she did not.

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: Roy Wrightsman made a motion to approve the additional appropriation requests as advertised on December 28th, 2022. The motion was seconded by Jack B. Butler and carried unanimously.

<u>FUND/DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
Pre-Trial Diversion Fund		
Equipment 1182-00-04-7020	\$4,347.76	\$4,347.76
Total Pre-Trial Diversion Fund:	\$4,347.76	\$4,347.76

VI. TRANSFER OF FUNDS: N/A

VII. REAPPROPRIATIONS: N/A

VIII. JURY PAY: The Auditor presented the Parke County Clerk's certificate of jury fees collected for November 2022, and requested \$83.36 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.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS: Redevelopment did not meet but plans to meet in January. Planning and Zoning Commission and Courthouse Security did not meet. Solid Waste had nothing to note.

X. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

- **Katie Potter, Assessor:**

- Reported that the Indiana Board of Tax Review's finding was in Parke County's favor in regards to the Hatke assessment.

- **Julie Lanzone, EMS:**

- Presented the EMS year end report for the Council's review.
- Lanzone stated that 2022 started tragically for the department, but ended up being successful in regards to revenues and runs; 2022 revenues for the department was \$605,589.97, which is the first time it has been in excess of \$600,000.00 ever.
- The department is back to having five full time Paramedics and seven full time Medics and there are two eligible to take their Medic test. One employee is on FMLA and there are multiple part time personnel.
- When reviewing calls for 2022, Lanzone noted that the busiest time was noon on Saturdays.
- The campers have been winterized and moved away from the building, she is waiting for information from the insurance company. The County has an option to purchase the campers.
- Lanzone received permission from the Board of Commissioners to sell the ambulance that was purchased from Indiana University (IU), she thinks will be sold quickly.

John Pratt asked about keeping the ambulance they had gotten from IU. Lanzone does not think the truck is worth keeping, it is too small for the equipment that is normally on one of the County's trucks.

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

- Has two grants in the works, one is for generators for the Fairgrounds and the County Highway. The other is a Multi Hazard Mitigation grant that he is working with Partnership Parke County on.
- Three grants have been awarded, the EMA Salary Reimbursement Grant; a grant for radio's and computers and one for computer upgrades for police cars. These are reimbursable grants and O'Brien requested permission to be able to have the Funds go in the red while waiting reimbursement from the granting agencies. The Council approved his request.

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Resolution 2023-01: 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:

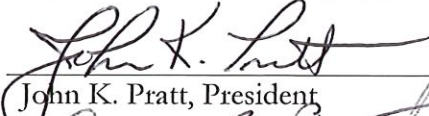
General – Commissioners	Amount to reduce
1000-15-01-2300	\$7,000.00

Re-appropriate to:


General – Circuit Court	
1000-14-03-5084	\$7,000.00
Criminal Rule 5 Transcripts	

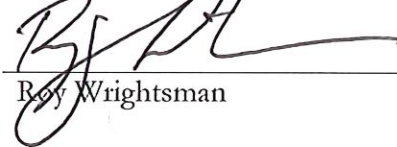
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this 12th day of January, 2023.


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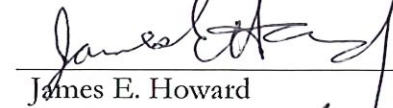

John K. Pratt, President



Jack B. Butler


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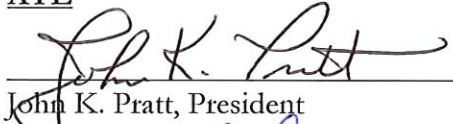

James E. Howard


Cameron Martin

XII. GENERAL BUSINESS:

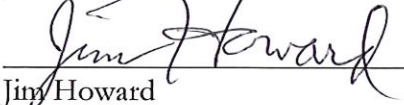
- Council President John Pratt congratulated and welcomed newly elected Council member Tom Rohr and newly elected Auditor Mary Anne Wood to the meeting.

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John K. Pratt, President

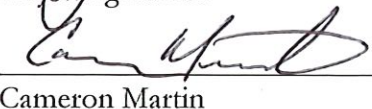

~~Larry Gambairani, Vice President~~ Tom Rohr

Jack B. Butler


Jim Howard

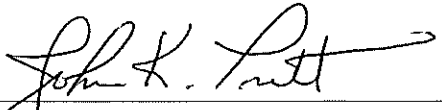

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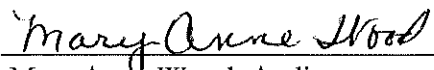
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ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business to come before the Council, the motion to adjourn was made by Jack B. Butler and seconded by Rick Patton. The meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.



John K. Pratt, President

ATTEST:



Mary Anne Wood, Auditor