

COUNTY COUNCIL

July 13th, 2023

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, July 13th, 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 Susan Kramer, John Martin, Jim Meece, Jessica Lancaster, Katie Potter and Jason Frazier.
- III. **READING OF THE MINUTES:** None presented.
- IV. **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:** The Council considered additional appropriation requests as published in the newspaper June 28th, 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: Tom Rohr made a motion to approve the additional appropriation requests as advertised on June 28th, 2023. The motion was seconded by Cameron Martin and carried unanimously.

<u>FUND/DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
National Night Out Fund		
Other Services & Charges/Special Events 4103-00-03-5035	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Total National Night Out Fund:	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Narcotics Incinerator Fund		
Other Services & Charges/School Resource Officer (SRO) Training 9166-00-03-5026	\$4,485.00	\$4,485.00
Total Cornerstone Surveyor Fund:	\$4,485.00	\$4,485.00
Firearms Training Fund		
Supplies/Operating Supplies 1156-00-02-3100	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Total Firearms Training Fund:	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
OPIOD Restricted Fund		
Other Services & Charges/Service Contracts 9117-00-01-1100	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Total OPIOD Restricted Fund:	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
21.027 American Rescue Plan Fund		
Other Services & Charges/Grant Match 8912-00-03-5087	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Total 21.027 American Rescue Plan Fund:	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00

educational speakers and for red ribbon week. Wrightsman inquired if all of the schools in the County will be served utilizing these funds, to which Dowd answered that they will.

- Roy Wrightsman stated the County's budget hearings will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 17th, 2023 and will be held at the Parke County Annex Building #1 (aka: Emergency Operations Center/EOC), located at 110 East High Street, Rockville, IN 47872. Wrightsman and Mary Anne Wood are scheduled to meet with the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) for the county's budget workshop later today. Parke County is one of the first entities to have their budget workshop and will participate in testing a new workshop process.

Wrightsmen went on to state that all of the statutorily required DLGF items are late, such as the annual growth quotient and miscellaneous revenue reports. Which are required to be provided to government units by June 30th of each year.

The 2024 Parke County Budget adoption is scheduled for September 14th, 2023, which is the same date as the regular September Council meeting.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Redevelopment Commission (RDC):

Roy Wrightsman

- Approved a revolving loan for Bloomfields, which is a new business on the east side of the town square. The monies are going to be used to replace windows in the building, and the loan is to be paid back in four (4) years.
- The RDC learned Parke County was entitled to an additional \$100,000.00 to draw against for loans, but there was an expiration date for the available funds. Cyndi Todd contacted the USDA and was able to obtain a one (1) year extension to the deadline.

Courthouse Security Committee: Did not meet.

Planning and Zoning Board:

Jack B. Butler

- A request to erect a cell tower was received and subsequently rejected due to public objection regarding the intended location. It is anticipated the cell phone company will return with another proposal.

Solid Waste District (SWD):

Tom Rohr

- Solid Waste District did not meet, the next meeting will be on July 26th, 2023.

IX. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

• Katie Potter, Assessor:

- Reassessment is on pause, but will resume soon and the assessors will start in Reserve Township.
- The appeal processes have begun, there have been thirty-three (33) appeals so far this year. There were eighty-nine (89) at this time last year. The informal hearings are done. Jack B. Butler asked if any of those are moving forward to the Property Tax Board of Appeals (PTBOA). Potter stated she had received a request from a man in Lowell, IN for a Zoom© hearing; Potter told the gentleman that the hearings are done in person and will not be done via Zoom©. She expects he will withdrawal his request for a formal hearing.
- The last date for appeals is June 15th, 2023, there are currently twelve appeals.

- **Jason Frazier, Sheriff:**

- Reported that year to date, \$140,341.00 has been billed for inmate housing.
- The department has turned in \$52,268.16 on their Report of Collections so far this year.
- Parke County's National Night Out (NNO) was well received. John Pratt asked Frazier to discuss the \$8,000.00 additional appropriation request in the fund, Frazier indicated they received an \$8,000.00 grant from the Local Coordinating Council to help cover expenses. The remainder of the costs for the program are being paid by the Fair Board and the Sheriff's Commissary Fund.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

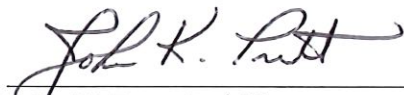
- Auditor Mary Anne Wood presented a request to the Council regarding the early termination of the copier contract for machine in the Plat office. If the contract for this copier is terminated before the February 27th, 2024 renewal date, the County will be assessed an early cancelation fee of \$2,070.00. The current copier/printer in their office only copies and prints black and white images. Wood stated the Board of Commissioners have already indicated there was no need to cancel the contract for the Plat office copier early, and that it could wait until February. The Council indicated the contract fall under the Board of Commissioners authority, but they will not entertain a request for funding in this matter.

XI. OLD BUSINESS:

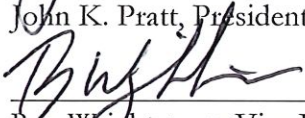
- Wrightsman advised the Council the Union Hospital Security payroll issue is ongoing. The pension amounts for the deputies are not being paid. Parke County Deputies are still working at Union Hospital Clinton and payroll vouchers for those hours continue to be turned in. Wrightsman stated this issue needs to be resolved as soon as possible. Meece indicated that he was under the impression that it had been taken care of, and will do some checking into this situation.

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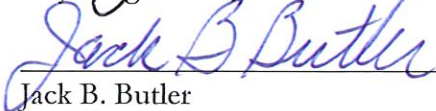
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John K. Pratt, President



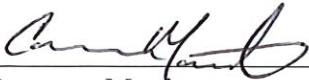
Roy Wrightsman, Vice President



Jack B. Butler

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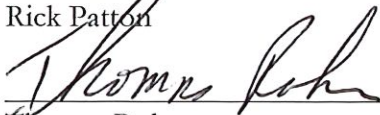
James E. Howard



Cameron Martin

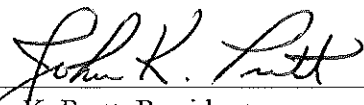


Rick Patton



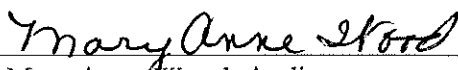
Thomas Rohr

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 9:52 a.m.



John K. Pratt, President

ATTEST:



Mary Anne Wood, Auditor