

COUNTY COUNCIL

March 10th, 2022

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, March 10th, 2022 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, Rick Patton, Jack B. Butler, James E. Howard and Cameron Martin. Larry Gambaiani was absent. Present from the Auditor's Office were Nicole Collings, 1st Deputy Auditor and Michelle Woods, 3rd Deputy Auditor. Also present were Katie Potter, Jessica Lancaster, Justin Cole, John Martin, Jim Meece, Jason Frazier, Dan Jones and Christian Beaver.
- III. **READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes from January and February 2022 were presented. Motion to approve made by Roy Wrightsman and seconded by Jack B. Butler. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:** The Council considered additional appropriation requests as published in the newspaper February 23rd, 2022. Council President, John K. Pratt, reviewed the appropriations from written requests submitted by Auditor, Laura Fischer. 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 2022, 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 February 23rd, 2022. The motion was seconded by Rick Patton and carried unanimously.

FUND/DEPARTMENT

AMOUNT REQUESTED

AMOUNT APPROVED

Cumulative Bridge Fund

Culvert – 1135-00-02-3116

Total Cumulative Fund:

\$86,260.00

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MVH Restricted Fund

Bituminous – 1173-02-02-3111

Total MVH Restricted Fund:

\$90,000.00

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

Amount: \$1,139.00
From: Surveyor Cornerstone Perpetuation – Service Contract
1202-00-03-5081
To: Surveyor Cornerstone Perpetuation – Equipment
1202-00-04-7020

VI. **REAPPROPRIATIONS:** Council approved the reappropriations for the Ambulance Fire 2/22 Fund. Motion made by James E. Howard and seconded by Cameron Martin.

Council received a request from Julie Lanzone, EMS Director, for a blanket authorization to do reappropriations for this fund for the incoming money from the insurance company and for her to directly reappropriate the funds with the Auditor without having to have Council action every time. The Council considers a Blanket Authorization for purchases from these 4016 funds. The Ambulance Service is to provide a report to the Council each month of what has been reappropriated.

The blanket authorization is limited to: 4016-00-04-7050 and 4016-00-04-7060 until 12/31/2022.

Motion to approve the blanket authorization, require a monthly report and have an expiration date was made by James E. Howard and seconded by Cameron Martin. The motion passed unanimously.

Amount: \$100,000.00
Fund: 4016-00-04-7050
Ambulance Fire 2/22 Fund

Amount: \$100,000.00
Fund: 4016-00-04-7060
Ambulance Fire 2/22 Fund

VII. **JURY PAY:** January 31st, 2022 - \$67.22 Motion to approve jury pay made by Rick Patton and seconded by Cameron Martin. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Redevelopment Commission – N/A
- Planning and Zoning Commission – N/A
- Courthouse Security Board – N/A
- Solid Waste District – N/A Annual report provided to the Council.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

- **Jim Meece, Commissioner:**

- Stated he had a conversation with Cyndi Todd about maintenance issues at the EOC building. Commissioners were unaware that the issues existed. Don Pruner has looked over these issues. Jeff Norman has looked at the problem with the roof and has decided to apply a plastic coating. The Commissioners voted for the plastic coating. It would be approximately \$10,000.00 to fix the roof. Meece hopes Council can find the funds.
- In the past it has been discussed to get a plaque for the courthouse for the restoration of the tower and roof. Price for a plaque has increased to around \$2,000.00.
- The last of the courthouse doors are done and Don Pruner is picking them up today. All of the hardware has been replaced on the doors and Commissioner Meece states the doors look really good.
- Mecca historical society has been doing a lot of work at the Mecca location. They have asked about residing bridge and if there are any grants available. \$34,000.00 is the estimate to go back to regular siding.
- The Governor has lifted the emergency mandate. Meece asked John Martin what it would take to live stream the Commissioner and Council meetings if necessary. John said a new camera for \$450 is what he would need to do the live stream.
- Matt from Core Facilities would like to schedule a meeting in early April. He has worked on the elevator. Matt said to replace the elevator would cost a lot of money but at this time it should not be replaced. The Sheriff and Don Pruner has been invited to attend this meeting.

- **Justin Cole, Sheriff's Dept:**

- Current DOC \$12,013.00, billed so far for the year is \$36,039. Should still have Level 6 funding.
- Department has purchased 2 Tahoes. They are currently at Fort Wayne. Payment will partially be covered by a grant. The other 2 they ordered may not be in until July.
- 2 deputies have been hired. Chris McCann is still out on medical leave. It will still be a couple weeks before they know whether Chris will be able to come back to work or not.
- Sheriff is looking at pricing on siding.

- **Katie Potter, Assessor:**

- States it is a busy time in the office. Ratio study was approved on 3/9/22.
- Within the next couple weeks will be posting values and rolling to Auditor.
- Personal property is going on right now. Everything needs to be turned in by May 16th.

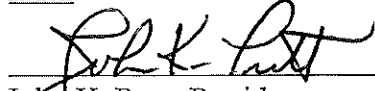
IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Amend Clerk Encumbrance:**
 - 1000-01-02-3010-Office Supplies-\$1,608.16, 1000-01-02-3020-Postage-\$2,479.99, 1000-02-02-3020-Postage-\$80.00 for a total of \$4,168.15 A motion to approve was made by Jack B. Butler and seconded by Rick Patton. The motion carried unanimously.
- **Resolution 2022-03:**
 - Reduction of Appropriations: \$20,520.00 from 1000-15-01-2300-(Commissioner Group) Insurance to 1000-02-03-5080-(Election Board Service) Service Contracts. Motion made by Roy Wrightsman and seconded by Jack B. Buter. The motion carried unanimously.

X. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- **Infrastructure Investment Zone Application BHTC:**
 - The Infrastructure Investment Zone Application from BHTC has been received. Council needs to approve application for exemption for taxation for their new investment. Motion to approve made by Rick Patton and seconded by Cameron Martin. Motion passed unanimously.
- **Public Comments:**
 - State Senate Candidate, Christian Beaver, attended and invited the Council to the Meet the Candidate event next Friday at Parke County Fairgrounds.
 - Parke County Sheriff Candidate, Dan Jones, attended and introduced himself.
 - Parke County Sheriff Candidate, Jason Frazier, attended the meeting but did not have any comments.
- **Roy Wrightsman:**
 - Roy thanked the Commissioners for approving repayment to EMT's saddled with the extra cost for paramedic classes that they believed would be paid for. These classes were paid for with a federal grant but it did not cover all of the cost. Money will come out of the Council Professional Services line. Jim Meece states that the EMT's have signed a contract with the county and also mentioned that the Commissioners raised the meal allowance from \$8 to \$12 for the Election board.
- **John Pratt:**
 - AIC is in Greencastle on April 5th. Council members need to let Auditor know if you plan to attend so reservations can be made.

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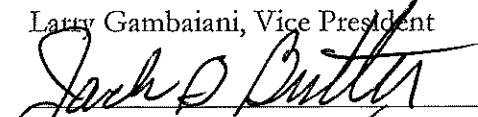


John K. Pratt, President


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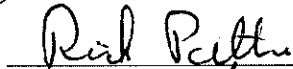
Larry Gambaiani, Vice President




Jack B. Butler



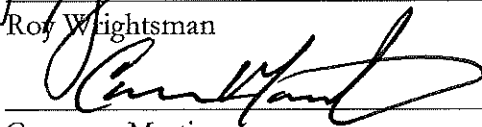
Jim Howard



Rick Patton

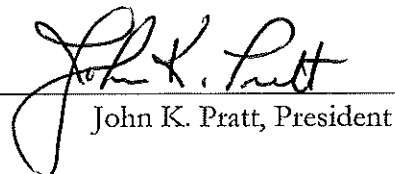


Roy Wrightsman



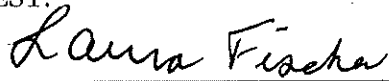
Cameron Martin

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business to come before the Council, the motion to adjourn was made by Jack B. Butler and seconded by James E. Howard. The meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.



John K. Pratt, President

ATTEST:



Laura J. Fischer, Auditor

