

COUNTY COUNCIL

March 11, 2021

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, March 11th, 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; Roy Wrightsman, James E. Howard, Rick Patton and Cameron Martin. Larry Gambaiani, Vice President and Jack B. Bulter were absent. Also present were Laura Fischer; Auditor and Nicole Collings, First Deputy Auditor. Also present were Katie Potter, John Martin, Jessica Lancaster, Justin Cole, Tonya Dahl, Matt Stechly, Donna McVay, Cyndi Todd, Bob Clutter, Jim Meece and Darla Burgess.
- III. **GENERAL BUSINESS:**
 - Jim Meece was present to introduce Matt Stechly with Core Facilities. Core Facilities will come in and draw up a maintenance plan for the Courthouse and Jail. This will be a guide to fit each facility regarding general maintenance and upkeep. The plan would be on a digital platform and include a monthly checklist that would be filled out by maintenance staff. Core Facilities would have access to this plan remotely, lowering the cost for the service. Mr. Stechly presented to the Council a three-year plan for the service. The quote is for courthouse and the jail with no additional fees. Cameron Martin made the motion to fund the \$21,600 bid for Core Facilities. James E. Howard seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Roy Wrightsman proposed two transfers to fund the agreement. These were to move \$15,000 from 1000-15-03-5100 and \$6,600 from 1000-15-03-5110 to the new line 1000-15-03-5080-Service Contracts.
 - Resolution 2021-04 Regional Wastewater Petition was presented by Darla Burgess. They will be changing an appointment from the Little Raccoon Conservancy District to the Parke County Soil and Water District. This appointment will be non-voting. They have also staggered dual appointments to the board. The majority of the discussion was centered on the plan to build a new wastewater treatment plant on Leatherwood creek, southwest of Marshall, and to abandon the existing wastewater plant at Turkey Run State Park. The Council discussed the proposed action and recommended that they aggressively approach the DNR for the use of their sewer plant on their property. The Council's Attorney prepared a resolution to be considered to allow the district to petition IDEM, however there was no motion to adopt the resolution.
 - John Pratt asked Jim Meece on an update on the county's handbook on the comp time and timeline on opening up all the Courthouse doors. Jim Meece stated that County Attorney Nick Sauter is working on the handbook and the Courthouse is open to the public but only one door is open at this time. Jim Meece will be watching the actions of the state about opening up the Courthouse more to the public.
 - John Pratt has had complaints about Health Dept. Board only having three members showing up. Jim Meece is now aware of the problem and will take it to the Commissioners.
- IV. **READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on February 11, 2021 were approved on a motion made by Councilman Roy Wrightsman and seconded by Rick Patton. The motion carried unanimously.
- V. **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:** The following additional appropriations were approved on a motion by Councilman Roy Wrightsman and seconded by Councilman Cameron Martin. The motion passed unanimously.

GAL/CASA FUND 1213-00-03-5082	
Professional Service	\$4,000.00
GAL/CASA FUND 1213-00-02-3010	
Office Supplies	\$5,720.00
GAL/CASA FUND 1213-00-03-5020	
Training Travel	\$9,769.00
GAL/CASA FUND 1213-00-03-5030	
Telephone	\$1,500.00
TOTAL	\$20,989.00

VI. 2020 ENCUMBRANCE FOR 2021: The following additional encumbrance were approved by a motion by Councilman Roy Wrightsman and seconded by Councilman Rick Patton. The motion passed unanimously.

COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND 1176 MVH	
Repair & Parts	\$1,658.10
COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND 1135 CUMULATIVE BRIDGE	
Culverts	\$15,425.00
SHERIFF DEPT. FUND 1170 PUBLIC SAFETY	
Prisoner Detent	\$10,646.20
HEALTH DEPT FUND 1206-00-02-3330	\$1,413.57
TOTAL	\$29,142.87

VII. TRANSFERS: none

VIII. RE-APPROPRIATION REQUESTS: none

IX. JURY PAY: none

X. REDUCTIONS FUNDS: none

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Redevelopment Commission (RDC) – no meeting was held.
- Planning and Zoning Commission – Jack B. Bulter was absent so no report was presented.
- Courthouse Security Board – no meeting was held.

XII. NEW BUSINESS:

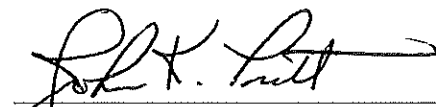
- John Pratt motioned that the Council fund a data entry position in the budget to help Roy Wrightsman with the budget. Councilman, Rick Patton made the motion for the amount of \$4,000 for the position. Cameron Martin second the motion and it passed unanimously.

XIII. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

- **Assessor, Katie Potter**
 - Ratio Study was submitted by February 25, 2021 to the DLGF. It was approved on March 2, 2021 with one question on a sales disclosure.
 - March 1, 2021 was the deadline to file with PTABOA with 4 filings being submitted before the deadline.

- Tax Court and Supreme Court have hearings coming up. Transcript fees will need to be paid by petitioners before the hearings will continue.
- Form 11 has been generated and will going out April 26, 2021.
- May 17 will be last day to file the personal property tax.
- **Sheriff, Justin Cole:**
 - Currently housing 71 inmates and 9 DOC inmates.
 - \$3,889.85 fees collected.
 - Averaging \$11,963.00 in fees from DOC.
 - The Firearms Auction will be April 3rd at the Rod and Gun Club.
- **Coroner, Donna McVay**
 - 2019 they had 32 deaths.
 - 2020 they had 44 deaths.
 - 2021 they have had 7 deaths with 2 autopsies preformed.
- **Parke County Nurse, Tonya Dahl**
 - The Clinic has given 3,000 vaccines since January.
 - They give out 300 shots on Fridays and 200 shots on Saturdays.
 - Tonya Dahl said the clinic wanted to thank EMS and Volunteers.
 - They will be moving the Clinic to the Old Ivy Tech building for a few weeks due to the Community Building at the Parke County Fairgrounds being rented before the vaccination plan was presented.
 - Roy Wrightsman proposed to the Council two motions.
 - First, to extend the nurses hours from 15 to 29 hours and from \$20.00 to \$30.00 an hour for the quarter as has been done during the pandemic. Cameron Martin seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.
 - Second, for the nurse to compensated for the time at the vaccine clinic to come from the vaccine clinic grant. James Howard seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

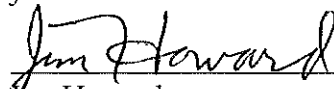
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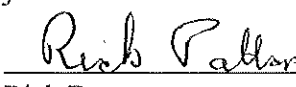
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 Larry Gambaiani, Vice President

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 Jack B. Butler



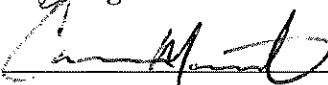
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 Roy Wrightsman



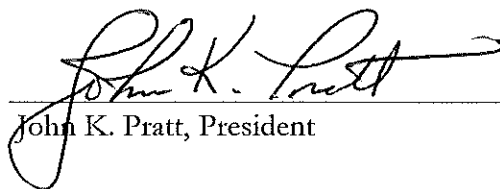
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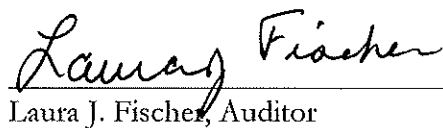
Cameron Martin

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business to come before the Council, the motion to adjourn was made by President, John Pratt and seconded by Councilman Cameron Martin, the meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.



John K. Pratt, President

ATTEST:



Laura J. Fischer, Auditor