

COUNTY COUNCIL
March 9th, 2023

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, March 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 Newcomb and Steve Cvengros.
- III. **READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes from February 9th, 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>
93.354 Work Force Dev Coag		
Service Contracts 8136-00-03-5080	\$36,000.00	\$36,000.00
Total 93.354 Work Force Dev Coag Fund:	\$36,000.00	\$36,000.00
 21.027 American Rescue Plan Fund		
EOC & Jail Software & Equip 8912-00-03-5045	\$48,423.66	\$48,423.66
Total 21.027 American Rescue Plan Fund:	\$48,423.66	\$48,423.66
 Drug Court NADCP Training Fund		
Drug Testing 9105-00-03-5081	\$561.40	\$561.40
Total Drug Court NADCP Training Fund:	\$561.40	\$561.40
 Bulletproof Vest Probation Fund		
Narcotics Investigations 9171-00-02-3010	\$120.53	\$120.53
Total Bulletproof Vest Probation Fund:	\$120.53	\$120.53
 Narcotics Incinerator Fund		
Broadband Match 9166-00-03-5026	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Total Narcotics Incinerator Fund:	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

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 Rick Patton and carried unanimously.

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

Amount: \$13.96
From: 1159-00-01-2100
Health / Personal Services / Social Security
To: 1159-00-01-1122
Health / Personal Services / Sanitarian & Food Inspector
Amount: \$115.19
From: 1159-00-01-2100
Health / Personal Services / Social Security
To: 1159-00-01-1501
Health / Personal Services / Extra Clerical

VI. JURY PAY: The Auditor presented the Parke County Clerk's certification of jury fees collected for February 2023, and requested \$69.38 be transferred into 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 \$69.38 from the County Users Fund to the Jury Fee Fund. The motion was seconded by Cameron Martin and unanimously carried.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Redevelopment Commission (RDC): Did not meet.

Courthouse Security Committee:

John Pratt

- No incident reports were turned in.
- The camera in the Assessor's quit working properly, the camera was reset and is working now.
- The Committee is looking to revise the Courthouse security plan, this is required by the State. The plan that is currently in place is several years old.
- The Committee is considering having another mock training exercise later this year, the last one was held in 2018.

Planning and Zoning Board:

Jack B. Butler

- Received one petition from a church in the Ferndale area in regards to establishing a campground. The matter was tabled.

Solid Waste District (SWD): Did not meet.

VIII. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

- **Chris Newcomb, Park & Rec. Director:**
 - Presented paperwork containing two quotes for a mower for the park from John Deere. The first has a 72 inch mowing deck with a Tweel tire that does not go flat, in the amount of \$13,392.61. The second also has a 72 inch mowing deck, with a pneumatic tire, for \$12,507.88. Newcomb advised the Council he received approval from the Park Board to purchase the mower with the tweel tire. It will be necessary to request an additional appropriation, which will be advertised for the Council's April meeting.
 - Advised the Council that Fund 1179 currently does not have enough cash to cover expenses. Newcomb requested the County Council's approval to allow Fund 1179, Park and Rec Non-Reverting Operating to be in the red until revenues start coming in when the park opens for the season. There are two claims that have been approved to be paid by the Board of Commissioners contingent upon the Council's approval to allow the Fund to run in the red. The Council agreed to allow the fund to run in the red for now.
 - Advised the Council that Rockville Lake Park's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2023.

- **Katie Potter, Assessor:**
 - The Ratio Study has not been approved. The State had the County's Sales File for one month and three days. Due to this delay, there were only three days to complete and submit the Ratio Study to meet the deadline, which is unrealistic.
 - The PTBOA Board is scheduled to meet on March 13th. Potter has received three exemptions to be heard by the Board, and Potter has been notified that Thelma Hatke is going to file another exemption.

- **Jason Frazier, Sheriff:**
 - The jail is currently housing 71 County, 9 Out of County and 1 Department of Corrections (DOC) inmates.
 - They have billed \$55,876.50 for inmate housing.
 - The department has turned in \$15,986.07 on their Report of Collections so far this year.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Parke County Resolution 2023-03: 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
1000-15-03-5110	\$42,643.53
Liability Insurance	
Re-appropriate to:	
General – Clerk	
1000-01-01-1300	\$1,094.23
3rd Deputy	

General – Clerk 1000-01-01-1400 4th Deputy	\$1,094.23
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General – Auditor 1000-03-01-1300 3rd Deputy	\$1,055.77
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General – Clerk 1000-01-01-1200 2nd Deputy	\$1,094.23
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General – Auditor 1000-03-01-1400 4th Deputy	\$1,026.92
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General – Sheriff 1000-19-01-1111 Deputies	\$1,480.77
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General – Sheriff 1000-19-01-1114 Dispatchers	\$2,615.38
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General – Sheriff 1000-19-01-1116 Jail Officers	\$11,692.29
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General – Sheriff 1000-19-01-1120 Maintenance Supervisor	\$1,234.62
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General – Auditor 1000-03-01-1600 Plat Supervisor	\$3.85
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General – Coroner 1000-07-01-1102 Deputy Coroner	\$0.25
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General – Veteran’s Administration 1000-13-01-1000 Department Head	\$19.25
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General – Circuit Court 1000-14-01-1203 Probation Officer	\$21.62
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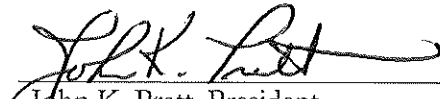
General – Circuit Court 1000-14-01-1205 Assistant Probation Officer	\$19.54
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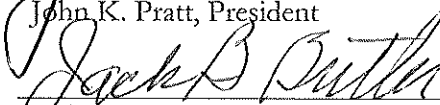
General – Commissioners 1000-15-01-2200 PERF	\$1,063.71
General – Ambulance 1000-16-01-1000 Department Head	\$0.25
General – Ambulance 1000-16-01-1800 Field Supervisors	\$4,414.14
General – Ambulance 1000-16-01-1802 Part-Time EMT's	\$6,372.84
General – Sheriff 1000-19-01-1100 Chief Deputy	\$33.06
General – Sheriff 1000-19-01-1113 Jail Commander	\$6.17
General – Sheriff 1000-19-01-1116 Jail Officers	\$8,269.84
General – Sheriff 1000-19-01-1117 Patrol Sergeant	\$11.23
General – Sheriff 1000-19-01-1118 Dispatch Supervisor	\$12.14
General – Emergency Management 1000-40-01-1100 Deputy Director	\$7.20

Jack B. Butler made a motion to adopt Parke County Resolution 2023-03. The motion was seconded by Cameron Martin and it carried unanimously.

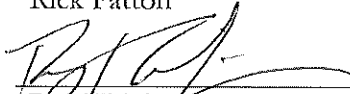
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this 9th day of March, 2023.

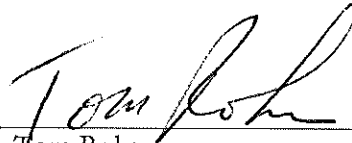
PARKE COUNTY COUNCIL


John K. Pratt, President


Jack B. Butler


Rick Patton


Roy Wrightsman


Tom Rohr

James E. Howard


Cameron Martin

- Parke County Prosecuting Attorney, Steve Cvengros, appeared before the Council to seek approval for funding in the Prosecutor's Pre-Trial Diversion and Forfeitures and Seizures Funds to assist the Parke County Sheriff to purchase a new bodycam system with Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) integration. The proposal includes a five (5) year service/ support contract. Cvengros made the following proposal regarding using Pre-Trial Diversion and Civil Forfeitures Funds:

Down payment = \$35,000.00, of which \$30,000.00 would be paid from the Forfeitures and Seizures Fund and \$5,000.00 from the Pre-Trial Diversion Fund.

\$10,000.00 each for years two (2), three (3) and four (4) would be paid from the Pre-Trial Diversion Fund. In year five (5) it will be necessary to find an alternative funding source.

A discussion was held about the capabilities of this body cam system and the benefits of it being integrated with the CAD. Cvengros had the opportunity to view this system in Fountain County and was impressed with the quality of the video's, how quickly investigators from the Sheriff's office will have access to the data. The Prosecutor's office will also have the ability to view recordings from the system. Another item of note is that once the system is setup in CAD, other local law enforcement agencies could potentially use the system, providing they purchase their own equipment.

The contract includes twelve camera's, which is one for every full-time deputy and one reserve.

An additional appropriation request will be advertised for the County Council's April 13th, 2023 meeting.

The contract will need to be presented to the Parke County Board of Commissioners for their consideration and approval.

- 2022 Encumbrances were reviewed by the Council. Roy Wrightsman made a motion to approve the encumbrances as presented, Jack Butler seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- The Council reviewed the Local Income Tax (LIT) report for the 4th quarter of 2022.

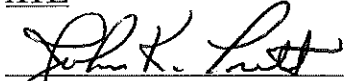
X. OLD BUSINESS: None presented.

XI. GENERAL BUSINESS:

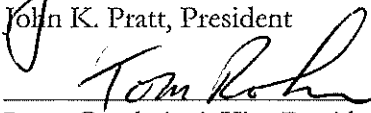
- The Council has been notified they have a vacant appointment for the Parke County Learning Center Board. Former County Councilman Larry Gambaiani served as the Council's appointment for many years and with his retirement it is necessary to appoint a replacement. Jack Butler made a motion to appoint Tom Rohr to fill the vacancy. Cameron Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The Parke County Learning Center Board's next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Roy Wrightsman advised the Auditor to add this position to the Council's annual appointment list.

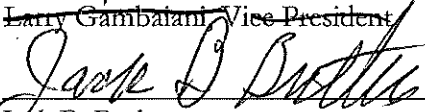
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John K. Pratt, President

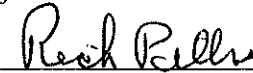


Larry Gambaiani, Vice President

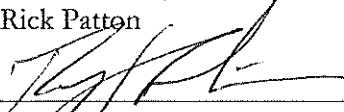


Jack B. Butler

Jim Howard



Rick Patton



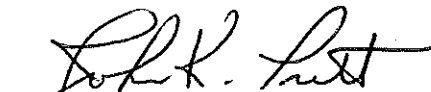
Roy Wrightsman



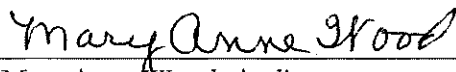
Cameron Martin

NAY

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business to come before the Council, the motion to adjourn was made by Cameron Martin and seconded by Jack B. Butler. The meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.


John K. Pratt, President

ATTEST:



Mary Anne Wood, Auditor

