

COUNTY COUNCIL
May 11th, 2023

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, May 11th, 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 Susan Kramer, Deputy Auditor. Also present were John Martin, Katie Potter, Jessica Lancaster, Jason Frazier, Chris O'Brien, Nicole Collings and Jim Meece.
- III. READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes from April 13th, 2023 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Roy Wrightsman and seconded by Cameron Martin to approve the minutes as presented and the motion carried unanimously.
- IV. TRANSFER OF FUNDS:** The Council approved the request for the transfer of funds on a motion made by Roy Wrightsman. The motion was seconded by Cameron Martin and carried unanimously.

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

Amount: \$11,030.00
From: 1202-00-04-7020
 Surveyor Corner Perpetuation/ Equipment
To: 1202-00-03-5081
 Surveyor Corner Perpetuation/ Cornerstone Surveyor

- V. REAPPROPRIATIONS:** Travelers Insurance check received for claim filed on damaged 2023 Volvo Dump Truck. Roy Wrightsman made a motion to approve the reappropriation request. The motion was seconded by Tom Rohr and carried unanimously.

Amount: \$23,291.00
Fund: 1112-00-02-3042
 LIT EDIT Fund/Highway Repair Parts

- VI. JURY PAY:** The Auditor presented the Parke County Clerk's certificate of jury fees collected for April 2023, in the amount of \$65.51 and requested these amounts 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 motion was seconded by Cameron Martin and carried unanimously.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Redevelopment Commission (RDC): Did Not Meet

Courthouse Security Committee: Did Not Meet

Solid Waste District (SWD): Scheduled to meet later this month

Planning and Zoning Board:

Jack B. Butler

- Nevins Estates Phase II, 17 additional lots have been approved.

VIII. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

- **Jim Meece, Commissioner:**

- The Roseville Bridge at Coxville is closed due to damage caused by a fallen tree. The bridge is structurally sound but the roof that needs repaired. Lane Tree Experts removed the tree at no cost to the County.
- Senator Deery's bill to allow the Innkeepers Tax to increase by 3% passed. The Commissioners propose that the increased revenue be used for covered bridge repairs. Council has tabled the increase until Senator Deery can get a technical corrections to the Bill passed, as the intent of the original bill was for the increase to go towards public safety.
- ARP meeting will be scheduled at 8:30am on May 17th or May 18th, Meece will coordinate with other members schedules.
- 2023 Volvo dump truck damaged due to driver negligence. Council raised management concerns in regards to the Highway Department and recommended the Commissioners address the situation.

- **Katie Potter, Assessor:**

- Presented the Form SB-1 for Big Inch annual for the Council's review. This is a year 4 renewal of their abatement, and they have met all required obligations and remain compliant. Jack B. Butler made a motion to approve the abatement. The motion was seconded by Cameron Martin and carried unanimously.
- Reassessments started on May 1st, 2023 in Jackson township.
- Rolled and balance to the Auditor
- Data received from Aumentum and is currently being reviewed by XSoft
- XSoft training scheduled for May 23rd and 24th with a go-live date scheduled for May 25th, 2023.
- April 24th, 2023 Form 11's went out with increases due to market values still being up. If there are legitimate issues with a homeowner's assessed valuations then an appeal can be filed. Three have been filed so far and are under review.
- Base Rate for Ag land is at \$1,900.00 per acre which is a \$400.00 increase per acre.

- **Nicole Collings, Clerk:**

- Deputy Clerk has resigned and will be leaving at the end of May. If a replacement can be hired before the current deputy leaves, she would be willing to train the new deputy on the responsibilities of the position. The council agreed and there is money in the Clerk's budget

- **Jason Frazier, Sheriff:**

- There has been \$98,365.00 billed for inmate housing and the year-to-date Report of Collections \$33,035.05.
- A grant application has been submitted to the Parke County Local Coordinating Council to purchase liners for drug takeback program, an additional appropriation request of \$2,400.00 is being submitted for purchase to be made using the Opioid Fund.

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

- Requested an additional appropriation of \$3,420.00 for integrating software for the new phone system.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- Roy Wrightsman discussed the current contract that was signed last year with Union Hospital Clinton location to utilize off duty Deputy Sheriff's as security, payment would be submitted to Parke County from Union Hospital to cover all expenses and then it would be processed on the County payroll. The wrong amounts were being calculated for Medicare and Social Security taxes. And only 3% was being submitted for the employer portion of police pension retirement fund, the current employer portion of the police pension in 32%. Appropriations and a Salary Ordinance were not completed which are required. Roy has sought legal advice, but the Council recommends the contract be terminated, and indicated that Union should hire the Sheriff Deputies as contracted employees if they want to continue the security coverage.
- Reported on 2022 encumbrances that were missed.

Fund #	Fund	Department	Appropriation Number	Account Name	Amount
1000	General	County Council	1000-41-01-1502	Council Clerk	\$225.00
1000	General	Commissioners	1000-15-03-5020	Training & Travel	\$449.28
				Building Maintenance	
8912	ARP		8912-00-03-5050	Courthouse	\$88,431.00

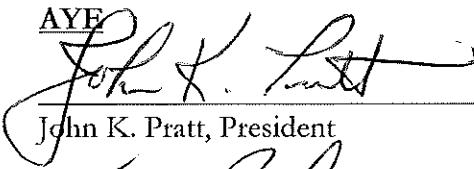
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XI. GENERAL BUSINESS:

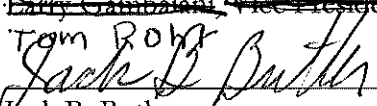
- Roy Wrightsman shared information regarding 2024 budget process. Budget letters and Form 1's will be sent out today, which are to be completed and returned by end of business June 9th, 2023. Roy and Mary Anne will be meeting with the DGLF the second week of July.
- Meeting will be held on Thursday May 18th, 2023 at Collom's General Store to discuss the proposed closing of roads in Bridgeton during the Covered Bridge festival.

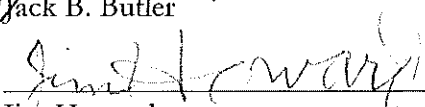
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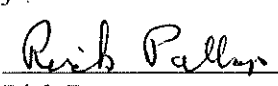
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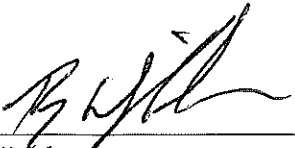

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~~Tom Rohr~~ ~~Vice President~~



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Roy Wrightsman



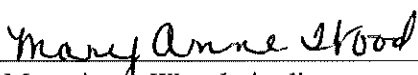
Cameron Martin

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business to come before the Council, the motion to adjourn was made by Jack B. Butler and seconded by Cameron Martin. The meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.



John K. Pratt, President

ATTEST:



Mary Anne Wood, Auditor