

# COUNTY COUNCIL

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 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; Larry Gambaiani, Vice President, Roy Wrightsman, Rick Patton, Jack B. Butler, James E. Howard and Cameron Martin. Present from the Auditor's Office were Laura Fischer, Auditor and Michelle Woods, 3<sup>rd</sup> Deputy Auditor. Also present were Jessica Lancaster, John Martin, Jim Meece, Chris O'Brien and Liddy Wright.
- III. **READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes from April 2022 were tabled.
- IV. **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:** The Council considered additional appropriation requests as published in the newspaper April 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The motion was seconded by Cameron Martin and carried unanimously.

| <u>FUND/DEPARTMENT</u>                              | <u>AMOUNT<br/>REQUESTED</u> | <u>AMOUNT<br/>APPROVED</u> |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Cumulative Bridge                                   | \$35,350.00                 | \$35,350.00                |
| Service Contracts – 1135-00-03-5080                 |                             |                            |
| Total Cumulative Bridge Fund:                       | \$35,350.00                 | \$35,350.00                |
| EMS Training Institution                            | \$8,000.00                  | \$8,000.00                 |
| Professional Training Service – 4909-00-03-5085     |                             |                            |
| EMS Training Institution Fund:                      | \$8,000.00                  | \$8,000.00                 |
| ARP   | \$96,967.00                 | \$96,967.00                |
| Building Maintenance – Courthouse – 8912-00-03-5050 |                             |                            |
| Total ARP Fund:                                     | \$96,967.00                 | \$96,967.00                |
| ARP   | \$321,662.00                | \$321,662.00               |
| Building Maintenance – Jail – 8912-00-03-5052       |                             |                            |
| Total ARP Fund:                                     | \$321,662.00                | \$321,662.00               |
| ARP   | \$46,000.00                 | \$46,000.00                |
| Service Contracts – 8912-00-02-5080                 |                             |                            |
| Total ARP Fund:                                     | \$46,000.00                 | \$46,000.00                |
| ARP   | \$145,000.00                | \$145,000.00               |
| Vehicles – Ambulance – 8912-00-04-7021              |                             |                            |
| Total ARP Fund:                                     | \$145,000.00                | \$145,000.00               |

V. **TRANSFER OF FUNDS:** The Council approved the requests for the transfer of funds on a motion made by Larry Gambaiani and seconded by Cameron Martin. The motion carried unanimously.

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

**Amount:** \$1,500.00  
**From:** 1152-00-03-5080  
Emer Plan & RGT To Know – Service Contracts  
**To:** 1152-00-04-7020  
Emer Plan & RGT To Know – Equipment

**Amount:** \$1500.00  
**From:** 1192-00-03-5020  
Sex Violent Offender – Travel  
**To:** 1192-00-04-7020  
Sex Violent Offender – Equipment

VI. **JURY PAY:** March 31, 2022 - \$115.97 Motion to approve jury pay made by Roy Wrightsman and seconded by Cameron Martin. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Redevelopment Commission – Did not meet
- Planning and Zoning Commission – Did meet, no new business.
- Courthouse Security Board – Did not meet
- Solid Waste District – Did not meet

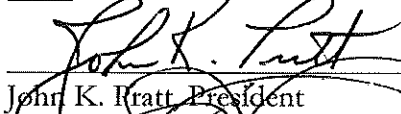
VIII. **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:**

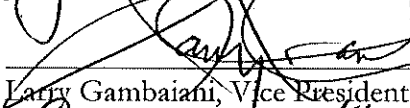
- **Chris O'Brien, 911:**
  - Asked the Council for approval to apply for State Homeland Security Grant of \$150,000.00 to purchase a new console for dispatch. Current equipment is 15 years old and parts are unavailable. Will have to use other money for anything over the \$150,000.00 and suggests using fund 1222 (911 account). 1222 fund has approximately \$327,000.00 in it. Chris informed Council that there would be a request for an additional appropriation in June for the difference above grant amount. Roy Wrightsman questions the possibility of using ARP funds or a possible combination between ARP and 1222 fund. Council will work out funds when the time comes. **A motion for approval for Chris to apply for the grant is made by Roy Wrightsman and seconded by Cameron Martin. The motion carried unanimously.**
- **Jim Meece, Commissioner:**
  - Stated that one of the projects has gone up by \$10,000.00 and that the Commissioners approved this increase at their last meeting. Commissioners will sign contracts on Monday.
  - Orthopedic section of insurance is now in effect.

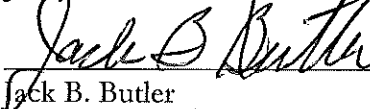
## IX. GENERAL BUSINESS:

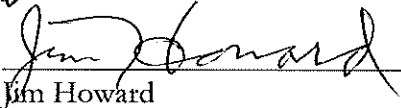
- Jack B. Butler, Councilman, addressed complaints/questions about the Emergency Preparedness Grant. Liddy Wright is paid an additional salary through this grant. It can be used to purchase trailers, phones, radios, all which they already have. There is a concern of "double dipping". Liddy's two salaries put together is a lot more than other employee salaries. Other counties have appropriated this money and pay out every two weeks. This pay does not come out of the county budget. Council states that the information on this grant was sent to the Council but was never passed/appropriated. Liddy offered for anyone who is concerned about her two positions and pay, to come and shadow her to see what she does daily. It is being questioned if all of the jobs are being completed and completed correctly. Laura Fischer, Auditor, stated that she had emailed surrounding counties and that they pay the Health Department employee the additional salary just as Parke County does. Cameron Martin, Councilman, stated he would like to see the terms of the grant. Council suggested an appropriation to fix this through June 2022. Auditor to advertise this additional.
- John Pratt, Councilman, asked Laura Fischer, Auditor, if she has contacted the two former elected officials about collecting overpayment. Auditor stated she will send letters out next week.

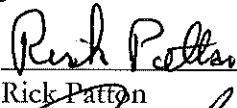
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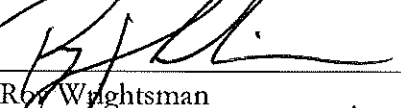
  
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Larry Gambaiani, Vice President

  
Jack B. Butler

  
Jim Howard

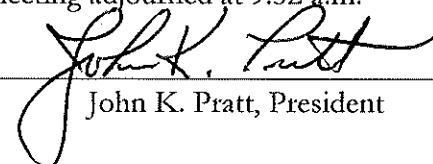
  
Rick Patton

  
Roy Wrightsman

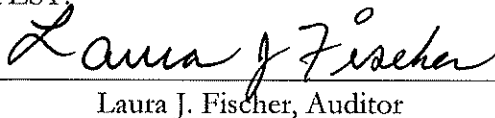
  
Cameron Martin

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**ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business to come before the Council, the motion to adjourn was made by Jack B. Butler and seconded by Rick Patton. The meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

  
John K. Pratt, President

ATTEST:

  
Laura J. Fischer, Auditor