

COUNTY COUNCIL

May 13, 2021

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, May 13th, 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. Butler. Also present were Laura Fischer; Auditor and Nicole Collings, First Deputy Auditor and Nicole Spurr, Third Deputy Auditor. Also present were Katie Potter, John Martin, Kim Shorter, Jessica Lancaster, Justin Cole, Chris O'Brien, Cyndi Todd, Henry Harper.
- III. **READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on April 8th, 2021 were approved on a motion made by Councilman Roy Wrightsman and seconded by Councilman John Pratt. The motion carried unanimously.
- IV. **GENERAL BUSINESS: WTH GIS-** Presented by Steve Leatherman
- Digital mapping system/data sharing with engineers, schools and companies.
 - Companies use county data for own purpose, county can charge fee for request of data.
 - Commissioners and council have to pass ordinance for request of data.
 - 29 counties in Indiana set up with WTH within 15 years
 - WTH handles all requests for data and then the county gets a small part of the fee charged- \$750 companies fee, includes billing, putting application together and sending to auditor and delivering data in the format requested. County gets 1/3 of \$750 fee (\$250).
 - Auditor will set up special bank/fund account where money will come in to. Law says the money should be used to support mapping/data sharing.
 - WTH doesn't get a lot of requests, about 40 requests in Indiana for a year.
 - Roy Wrightsman asks "Why would someone go through this process instead of going online and using the data already provided?"- typically large energy companies-out of state- request this data that have building contracts, easier and faster to have WTH pull data from all entities in digital format than using online search doing it one by one. Cheaper to go through this process and pay fee than it is to pay an employee to do the search
 - History of this company has had 2 requests for continuous data sharing.
 - Comment from Roy Wrightsman- people have had good experience and feedback from this company and are very happy with them. Katie Potter comments on timely manner and efficiency matters are handled-very pleased.
 - Roy Wrightsman makes motion to approve joint ordinance 2021-04, Cameron Martin seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- V. **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:** N/A
- VI. **TRANSFERS:** N/A

VII. ENCUMBRANCE:

2020 Encumbrance for Economic Development fund of \$4,543.00 was not approved by council.

Councilman, Wrightsman requested transfer from Lit Edit Fund #1112-00-03-5081 to #1112-00-03-5082 in the amount of \$14,053.00

VIII. RE-APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:

- County highway- culvert \$3,214.00 (TDM Farms)
- Auditor- Quill overpayment \$312.85 (put back into office supplies)
- Roy Wrightsman makes motion to approve both appropriations, John Pratt seconds and motion was passed unanimously.

IX. JURY PAY: N/A

X. REDUCTIONS FUNDS: N/A

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Redevelopment Commission (RDC) – no meeting.
- Planning and Zoning Commission – Tabled had request on 350 N. Mills Road., approx ¼ mile off Marshall Rd.- want to put in a cheese factory, neighbors had discussion and working out details. Land owners had some concerns of run off. Another meeting next month.
- Courthouse Security Board – No meeting was held.

XII. NEW BUSINESS:

Abatements: Katie Potter- Adopted abatement for Scott Pet Products, has been in discussion with them with the personal property. Won't start the first year until next year.

- **Superior Forrest Products-** last year, adopted 2015, didn't put equipment into service right away, 5 year abatement that wasn't started until 2017. Started with 94 employees, currently have 115, they are in operation and employing Parke county people, file on time, did a very good job, Assessor Katie Potter recommends they approve the abatement.
- **Big Inch Fabricators:** Auditor, Laura Fischer- sent in again for abatement 2021- pay 2022, 10 year abatement, this is the 3rd year. Estimating at the time of filing for abatement 18 employees and adding 10 more, now have 45 employees-have added 27- salaries exceeding what was expected by \$800,000.
- Motion to adopt incompliance abatements made by JB Butler, seconded by John Pratt. Motion passed unanimously.

Parke County Library:

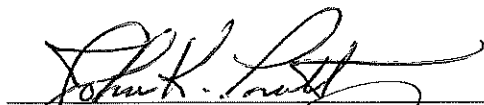
- Judy Brook wishes to resign from the library board, her term runs through the end of December 2022. Have contacted Sheila Rohr, former Rockville Elementary Principal to appoint for position, she has accepted.
Motion made by Roy Wrightsman to appoint Sheila Rohr library board to finish Judy's term though Decemeber 31st, 2022, seconded Larry Gambaiani. Motion passed unanimously.
- Parke County Farm Bureau send letter to Parke Trails Alliance expressing their concern for use of local tax dollars on the Parke County Community Rail Trail project. Parke Trails Alliance sends letter back to Farm Bureau saying there are no local tax dollars being used for the project, it is funded entirely by the Next Level Trails grant. Also mentioned was the concern by the property owners that the trails would inhibit the use of the property that trail crosses.
- Budget forms were sent out- due back June 4
- Received notice from the state that we will get a little amount from the LIT supplemental distribution, trust fund balance was bigger than expected so they are sending some back.

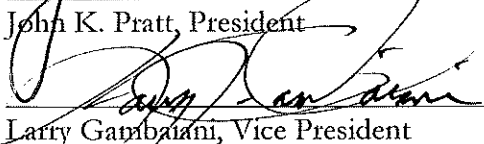
XIII. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

- **Katie Potter:**
 - Starting cyclical reassessment May 1st, last year in the 4-year cycle
 - Currently in Sugar Creek Township
 - Sent out Form 11s on April 26th
 - Everything is going well
 - Farm value went up \$10 per acre- should be on new form 11s sent out
- **Kim Shorter:**
 - Done with taxes, over \$1 million than last year-people are paying whole year taxes
- **Henry Harper:**
 - Everything is going good, still looking for part-time employee
- **Sheriff, Justin Cole:**
 - Currently housing 63 inmates and 6 DOC inmates.
 - \$7,365.46 year to date collections.
 - Awaiting a response for USDA vehicle grant.
 - Another Firearms Auction will be held June 12, 2021 with roughly 30 firearms to auction. All money raised goes back to the department for training or into forfeiture account.
 - Will have to sell seized vehicle in September, so may have a small auction again in September.
 - Purchased new John Deere tractor- old tractor, mower and golfcart were traded in to help with funds- \$9,200 approx. was final price of new tractor.
 - Waiting on quotes for new parking lot at the jail.
- **Cyndi Todd: N/A**
- **Chris O'Brien:**
 - Indiana Homeland Security Foundation grant -\$4,000 to fix batteries and wheels for message board- no match
 - Indiana 911 Sub-Grant- \$29,725, takes GIS data convert into NG911 standard-county match \$11,890 (40%)
 - Chris asks that we take the money from the 1222 fund to match difference
 - This data conversion will give better info, help with miss-routed calls, aligns calls better to correct county, more accurate data.
 - President John Pratt makes motion to approve both grants, Larry Gambaiani seconds. The motion passed unanimously.

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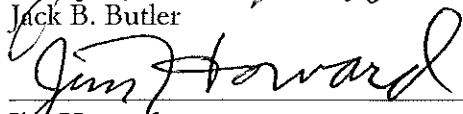
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 John K. Pratt, President

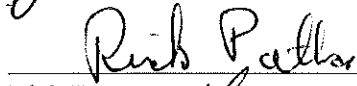

 Larry Gambaiani, Vice President



Jack B. Butler



Jim Howard



Rick Patton

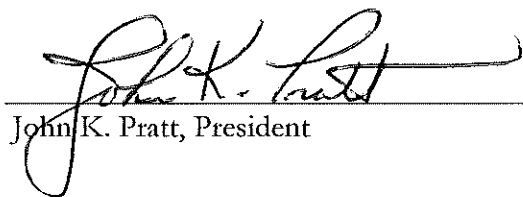


Roy Wrightsman



Cameron Martin

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business to come before the Council, the motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Jack B. Butler and seconded by Councilman Cameron Martin, the meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.



John K. Pratt, President

ATTEST:



Laura J. Fischer, Auditor