

COUNTY COUNCIL

November 10th, 2022

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, November 10th, 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 Nicole Collings, 1st Deputy Auditor and Michelle Woods, 3rd Deputy Auditor. Also present were John Martin, Jim Meece, Katie Potter, Henry Harper, Justin Cole, Chris Newcomb, Kurt Lanzzone, Larry Brown, Chadd Jenkins and Betty Winters.
- III. **READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes from August 11th, August 18th and October 13th, 2022 were presented. Motion to approve minutes made by Roy Wrightsman and seconded by Cameron Martin. The motion carried unanimously.
- IV. **TRANSFER OF FUNDS:** The Council approved the requests for the transfer of funds on a motion made by Jack B. Butler and seconded by Cameron Martin. The motion carried unanimously.

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

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| Amount: | \$542.00 |
| From: | 1219-00-001-1500 Park & Rec – Clerical |
| To: | 1219-00-01-1504 Park & Rec – Watchman |
| Amount: | \$2,992.74 |
| From: | 1219-00-01-2400 Park & Rec – Unemployment |
| To: | 1219-00-03-5100 Park & Rec – Utilities |
| Amount: | \$1,849.66 |
| From: | 1173-02-02-3117 MVH Restricted – Culverts |
| To: | 1173-03-04-7020 MVH Restricted – Equipment |
| Amount: | \$900.00 |
| From: | 1000-16-02-3020 EMS – Postage |
| To: | 1000-16-03-5083 EMS – Service Contracts |

Amount: \$3,200.00
From: 1000-16-01-1801
EMS – Certified EMT's
To: 1000-16-03-5083
EMS – Service Contracts

Amount: \$1,000.00
From: 1000-16-01-1801
EMS – Certified EMT's
To: 1000-16-03-5050
EMS – Building Maintenance

Amount: \$3,000.00
From: 1000-16-01-1801
EMS – Certified EMT's
To: 1000-16-03-5060
EMS – Vehicle Maintenance

Amount: \$9,000.00
From: 1000-16-01-1801
EMS – Certified EMT's
To: 1000-16-01-1802
EMS – Part Time EMT's

Amount: \$8,492.72
From: 1170-00-01-1502
Public Safety – Overtime for CBF Ambulance
To: 1170-00-02-3030
Public Safety – Medical Supplies

Amount: \$1,500.00
From: 1206-00-03-5020
Local Health Dept. – Travel
To: 1206-00-02-3030
Local Health Dept. – Clinic Supplies

Amount: \$242.00
From: 1159-00-01-1121
Health Dept. – Part Time Nurse
To: 1159-00-01-1501
Health Dept. – Extra Clerical

Amount: \$2,461.00
From: 1168-00-01-1123
Local Health Maint. – Nurse
To: 1168-00-01-1501
Local Health Maint. – Extra Clerical

V. **JURY PAY:** August 31st, 2022 - \$146.65 and September 30th, 2022 - \$1,255.03. Motion to approve jury pay made by James E. Howard and seconded by Rick Patton. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Redevelopment Commission – REMC abatement request. Signed and amended Interlocal for 41 North sewer project.
- Planning and Zoning Commission – Did not meet
- Courthouse Security Board – Did not meet

VII. **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:**

- **Jim Meece, Commissioner:** Insurance Information provided. County is self-funded. As of this meeting, balance of self-insured is \$651,000.00. Line-item County contribution at \$1.57M. Insurance, HSA and clinic all come out of this line. Roy Wrightsman suggests 5%+ increase to cover all the costs.
- **Katie Potter, Assessor:** X-Soft contract had been submitted and signed by the Commissioners.
- **Henry Harper, Clerk:** 10,137 total registered voters in Parke County. 4,568 voted in this election which is 45.06% of voters.
- **Chris Newcomb, Park & Rec:** Checked with the Council to see if he needed their approval to send an old van off for junk. Council stated he needs to talk to the Commissioners. Chris provided the Council with 2022 Annual Report. Council told Chris he is doing a wonderful job!
- **Kurt Lanzone, 4-H Director:** Reminded everyone of the dinner on November 29th. The secondary secretary position is now filled.
- **Justin Cole, Sheriff:** Currently 72 inmates. \$143,000 DOC. Have been housing Sullivan County inmates since September. Furnace is being replaced. Siding issue is still outstanding.
- **Chris O'Brien, 911:** Working on grant for generators at the Highway Department. Dispatch grant was denied. Got the State Salary Reimbursement. Asked Council for approval to go after a grant for new computers in police cars. Council gave approval with a motion made by Roy Wrightsman and seconded by Larry Gambaiani. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. GENERAL BUSINESS:

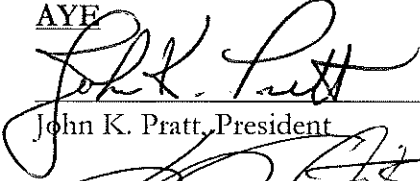
- Chadd Jenkins from Parke County REMC appeared to speak with the Council about Tax Abatements. REMC services 1,400 miles of power lines. They currently have 47 employees and serve 6 counties. They have 4 locations and have sold 3 of them to the Town of Rockville. Their new facility would be combining the current 4 locations into 1. The new construction at 5001 E. US Hwy 36 has begun. The property has been rezoned. Roy Wrightsman stated that everything had been filed in a timely manner. A vote will not be done today as this needs to be advertised in the newspaper. A decision can be made in December.
- Larry Brown appeared seeking information and guidance on changing the tax levy for Lyford-Dyke. Need to raise tax assessment. They spend about \$4,000/year in upkeep. Levy is 8.6 miles long. Council provided guidance to contact the DLGF and provided contact information to start that conversation.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

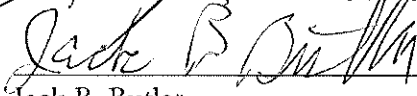
- **Salary Ordinance 2022-12:** Ordinance presented to Council for adoption. A motion to adopt Salary Ordinance 2022-12 was made by Jack B. Butler and seconded by Larry Gambaiani. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Payroll Overpayment Issues:** Council discussed the overpayment of a departing jail employee. The employees last check was overpaid by \$1,020.14. Any attempt to collect this back has failed and now he has filed bankruptcy. The Council also discussed the overpayment of county employees in 2019. The amount of money not recovered in repayment by employees is \$3,999.67. As both of these involve taxpayers' money, it needs to be recovered. The Council is proposing to file a claim against the bond of the County Auditor. Nick Sauter has been working with Branson Insurance on this issue. Both the Council and Board of Commissioners need to pass a motion before filing a claim.
A motion to move forward with filing a claim against the Auditors bond for \$5,019.81 with the help of Nick Sauter is made by Roy Wrightsman and seconded by Cameron Martin. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Year End Meeting:** If needed, the Councils year end meeting will be on December 29th at 9:00am in the EOC building.

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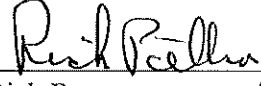
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John K. Pratt, President

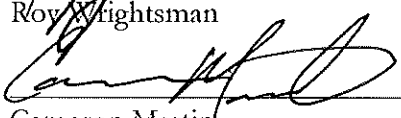

Larry Gambaiani, Vice President


Jack B. Butler

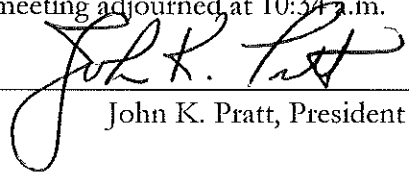
James E. Howard


Rick Patton


Roy Wrightsman


Cameron Martin

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business to come before the Council, a motion to adjourn was made by Jack B. Butler and seconded by Larry Gambaiani. The meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.


John K. Pratt, President

ATTEST:


~~Laura J. Fischer, Auditor~~

Nicole Collings, 1st Deputy Auditor

