

## COUNTY COUNCIL

November 12, 2021

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 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, Rick Patton, Jack B. Butler, Cameron Martin and James E. Howard. Larry Gambaiani was absent. Present from the Auditor's Office were Laura Fischer; Auditor, Nicole Collings; 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Auditor and Michelle Woods; 3<sup>rd</sup> Deputy Auditor. Also present were Katie Potter, Jason Frazier, Jessica Lancaster, Jim Meece, Cyndi Todd, John Martin, Christian Beaver and Stephanie Dowd.
- III. **READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meetings held on June 10<sup>th</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup>, August 12<sup>th</sup>, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 were approved on a motion made by Jack B. Butler and seconded by Cameron Martin. The motion carried unanimously.
- IV. **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:** The Council considered additional appropriation requests as published in the newspaper October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021. 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 2021, 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: Roy Wrightsman made a motion to approve the additional appropriation requests as advertised on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The motion was seconded by Rick Patton and carried unanimously.

<u>FUND/DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
RDC Operations	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Service contracts 1001-00-03-5080		
Total for RDC Operations	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Forfeitures & Seizures	\$825.00	\$825.00
Equipment 4904-00-04-7020		
Total for Forfeitures & Seizures	\$825.00	\$825.00

- V. **TRANSFER OF FUNDS:** The Council approved the request for the transfer of funds on a motion made by Jack B. Butler, seconded by Cameron Martin and carried unanimously.

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

Amount: \$470.15  
From: 1000-16-03-5040  
Emergency Medical Service-Software/Equipment  
To: 1000-16-01-1801  
Emergency Medical Service-Certified EMT's

Amount: \$116.70  
From: 1000-16-03-5050  
Emergency Medical Service-Building Maintenance  
To: 1000-16-01-1801  
Emergency Medical Service-Certified EMT's

Amount: \$1,300.00  
From: 1000-16-03-5083  
Emergency Medical Service-Service Contract  
To: 1000-16-01-1801  
Emergency Medical Service-Certified EMT's

Amount: \$12,000.00  
From: 1000-16-01-1803  
Emergency Medical Service-Additional EMT's  
To: 1000-16-01-1801  
Emergency Medical Service- Certified EMT's

Amount: \$.82  
From: 1170-00-01-1502  
Public Safety EMT-CBF Special Event  
To: 1170-00-03-5061  
Public Safety EMT-Ambulance Vehicle

Amount: \$2,000.00  
From: 1170-00-01-1502  
Public Safety EMT-CBF Special Event  
To: 1170-00-02-3030  
Public Safety EMT-Medical Supplies

Amount: \$132.74  
From: 1000-16-03-5140  
Emergency Medical Service-Legal Service  
To: 1000-16-01-1801  
Emergency Medical Service-Certified EMT's

Amount: \$40.35  
From: 1000-16-02-3010  
Emergency Medical Service-Office Supplies  
To: 1000-16-01-1801  
Emergency Medical Service-Certified EMT's

Amount: \$21.71  
From: 1219-00-03-5020  
Parks & Rec-Training & Travel  
To: 1219-00-02-3100  
Parks & Rec-Operating Supplies

Amount: \$3,000.00  
From: 1138-00-02-3101  
Cumulative Capital Dev Sheriff-Supplies  
To: 1138-00-03-6052  
Sheriff-Prisoner Medical & Dental

Amount: \$11,000.00  
From: 1138-00-03-5052  
Cumulative Capital Dev Sheriff-Jail Building Maintenance  
To: 1138-00-03-6052  
Sheriff-Prisoner Medical & Dental

Amount: \$4,062.50  
From: 1170-00-04-7020  
Sheriff-Equipment  
To: 1170-00-03-6052  
Sheriff-Prisoner Medical & Dental

**VI. REAPPROPRIATIONS:** Laura Fischer stated the Town of Rockville read the meter wrong which caused an overpayment. Received refund from the Town of Rockville and receipted money in. Laura also stated that the Auditor's office had made an error and paid a claim twice. Money was refunded and receipted back in. Motion to approve reappropriation was made by Roy Wrightsman and seconded by Cameron Martin. Motion was carried unanimously.

Amount: \$11,116.24  
Fund: 1176-03-03-5100  
MVH-Communications

Amount: \$12,013.09  
Fund: 1169-00-02-3100  
Local Road Street-Operating Supplies

Amount: \$13,411.61  
Fund: 1173-02-02-3111  
MVH Restricted-Bituminous

**VII. JURY PAY:** N/A

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Redevelopment Commission (RDC) – N/A
- Planning and Zoning Commission – Jack B. Butler stated they had met and discussed Lee Alan Bryant.
- Courthouse Security Board – N/A
- Solid Waste District- Met and approved minutes. Gave a report on Toxiway Day:
  - 316 cars participated
  - 10,000 lbs electronics
  - 24,000 lbs/tires
  - 57 lbs medicines and sharps

- 10,000 lbs/appliances
- 12,000 lbs hazardous waste

## IX. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

- Chris O'Brien: update on EMA Grants
  - Soft Target Protection Grant- Should be zeroed out by the end of December.
  - Criminal Justice COVID Relief Fund Grant- Will be in the black by year end. \$70,000 to build jail fence next year.
  - LEPC Planning Grant- \$7,000 coming in and will zero out account.
  - NG911 GIS Data Conversion Grant- Done in December. Will get bill and pay it out.
  - Have applied for the following grants within the last few weeks: Salary Reimbursement \$18,000, PCHD Emergency Generator, \$40,000 coming in-don't need seed money.
  - Council extends seed money for 6 months.
- Katie Potter, Assessor:
  - Finishing up 4<sup>th</sup> leg of reassessment. Things are going well.
- Jason Frazier, Sheriff's Dept:
  - Nothing to report unless the council has any questions.
  - Cameron Martin asked when jail would open back up-Jason stated it would open today November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- John Pratt, President:
  - SBA is about done with audit. Expect to be here to wrap up in the next week or so.
  - Year End Meeting, if needed, is set for Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 9:00am. To be held at EOC.
- Jim Meece, Commissioner
  - Health insurance is ongoing. Still looking around. Anthem and UMR have made proposals. Making decision at November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting. Hoping to not severely impact the employees and hope to see a benefit in raises this year.
  - ARP meeting is November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:30 pm at EOC.
  - Courthouse door restoration in progress. Doing one side at a time, starting with the East side which is about done. Paying approx. \$80/hr. for restoration. Dark walnut stain is being used to match the inside of the courthouse. \$1,000.00 deposit was paid to Brown's Revintage for restoration work. Hoping to have all doors done by spring. Don Pruner is delivering doors to Delphi/Lafayette with his own trailer.
  - Cameras are back on the recycle bins.
  - Heard from Matt Steckley. RFP work for HVAC at jail. He is happy with numbers from jail and will be reporting.
  - Lee Creed has done good work for Highway Dept and is a Professional Headstone Restorer. May start doing some restorations for the townships.
- Julie Lanzone, EMS:
  - Report was submitted and reviewed by County Council.


## X. NEW BUSINESS:

- Ordinance 2021-8 Salary for 2022-Tabled until December.
- Resolution 2021-08 to adopt Overtime Pay for Specific Parke County Public Safety Positions. Motion to approve by Jack B. Butler, seconded by Cameron Martin. Passed unanimously.
- Resolution 2021-07 to adopt Reduction of Appropriations. \$18,000.00 from General-Commissioners, 1000-15-03-5110, Liability Insurance to be reappropriated to General-Emergency Medical Service, 1000-16-01-1801, Certified EMT's. Roy Wrightsman asked council for adoption and is seconded by Jack B. Butler. Passed unanimously.
- Resolution 2021-09 to adopt Reduction of Appropriations. \$3,000.00 from Cumulative Capital Dev-Sheriff, 1138-00-02-3101, Sheriff-Operating Supplies and \$11,000.00 from 1138-00-03-5052, Sheriff-Jail Building Maintenance for a total of \$14,000 to be reappropriated to 1170-00-03-6052, Sheriff-Prisoner Medical & Dental. Motion to approve by Jack B. Butler, seconded by James E. Howard. Passed unanimously.
- Resolution 2021-10 to adopt Reduction of Appropriations. Extension maintenance employee has retired. The remainder of the money budgeted for that position of \$3,480.63 now to Buildings and Grounds. Motion to approve by Jack B. Butler, seconded by Rick Patton. Passed unanimously.
- 2022 Schedule of Parke County Council Meetings needs a few items fixed. Will adopt in January.
- Health Dept. found a way to pay a public health nurse through a state grant. \$110,000 grant, would like to extend to 29 hours beginning in January. This nurse is to be a resource to the school only. The nurse is simply there to assist and shall in *no way be an enforcement officer*. Roy Wrightsman made a motion to approve recommendation of Health Dept. letter dated October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Seconded by James E. Howard and carried unanimously.
- Received a letter from the Town of Marshall asking for funds. Council states not equipped to deal with that.
- Received notice from the state that the budget was approved. Congrats to Roy. The budget has been signed and sent back.

## XI. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Stephanie Dowd appeared to discuss 2022 budget/fund 1148. Money from this year was not spent so it would roll over. Budget doesn't fluctuate much at the beginning of the year. Assists area schools with Red Ribbon Week, promotions, prizes and contests. Provides kids with Drug and Alcohol prevention education. Assisted Sheriff with National Night Out activities. Assisted RPD with tobacco education. Requests funds for 2022 budget of \$16,751.00 be appropriated for 2022 budget. Council states reason budget was adopted at zero and that this will be taken care of in January.
- Cindy Todd introduced Josh Zuerner representative for Joink. Josh explained the work Joink has done and is continuing to do to enhance internet in Parke County. Josh asked the Council to consider matching state money. Josh also mentioned how supportive everyone has been in getting roads closed and keeping everyone safe. Parke County has some very nice attributes to quality of life. Nyesville and Judson next level projects ready this year.
- Christian Beaver, candidate for State Senate, introduced himself and spoke to the room briefly.


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John K. Pratt, President

ABSENT

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Larry Gambaiani, Vice President

  
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Jack B. Butler

  
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Jim Howard


  
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Rick Patton

  
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Roy Wrightsman

  
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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, seconded by James E. Howard. The meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

  
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John K. Pratt, President

ATTEST:

  
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Laura J. Fischer, Auditor