

## COUNTY COUNCIL

October 12, 2023

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, September 14, 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; Cameron Martin; Rick Patton; Thomas Rohr; Mary Anne Wood, Auditor. Also present were John Martin, Kim Shorter, Katie Potter, Jessica Lancaster, Jason Frazier, Stephany Dowd, Chris O'Brien and Jim Meece.
- III. **READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes were not available.
- IV. **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:** The Council approved the request for the transfer of funds on a motion made by Jack B Butler. The motion was seconded by Tom Rohr and carried unanimously.

**Be it resolved; the Parke County Council hereby approves the following requests for additional appropriations:**

Amount:       \$45,000.00  
                  1173-02-02-3100  
To:             MVH Restricted Fund – Stone and Gravel

Amount:       \$259,776.82  
                  8173-02-02-3110  
To:             Community Crossing Grant Fund – Bituminous Community Crossing (CCMG 2022-2)

Amount:       \$767,309.70  
                  8173-02-02-3110  
To:             Community Crossing Grant Fund – Bituminous Community Crossing (CCMG 2023-1)

Amount:       \$1,232.00  
                  9127-00-03-5020  
To:             One Step Meeting – LCC Grant – Travel and Training

**V. TRANSFER OF FUNDS:** The Council approved the request for the transfer of funds on a motion made by Tom Rohr. 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: \$12,000.00  
From: 1000-19-01-1119  
Jail Office Supervisors  
To: 1000-19-01-1124  
Part Time Jail Cook

Amount: \$3,221.77  
From: 1219-00-01-1506  
Fieldman  
To: 1219-00-01-1505  
Gateman

Amount: \$6,216.91  
From: 1219-00-01-1506  
Fieldman  
To: 1219-00-01-1505  
Gateman

Amount: \$3,000.00  
From: 1219-00-01-2400  
Unemployment  
To: 1219-00-03-5100  
Utilities

**VI. JURY PAY:** The Auditor presented the Parke County Clerk's certificate of jury fees collected for September 2023, in the amount of \$308.21 63 and requested these amounts to be transferred to the Jury Pay Fund, pursuant to IC 33-19-8-8. Rick Patton 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 meet but John Pratt was unable to attend.

Solid Waste District (SWD): Did Not Meet

Planning and Zoning Board: Jack B Butler updated the group that there was a church group that came before the Planning Commission to put in a camp. The Planning Commission sent an unfavorable

recommendation to the BZA on the petition to rezone. Mr. Butler did not stay for the BZA meeting so he is unsure of the final outcome.

## **VIII. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

- **Katie Potter, Assessor:**

- Reassessment is still ongoing in Adams Township and the Reassessment for this will be completed by the end of the year. PTABOA Hearing will be held on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

- **Kim Shorter, Treasurer:**

- Tax payments are starting to slowly roll in. The due date for the Fall Installment is November 13, 2023.

- **Jason Frazier, Sheriff:**

- Housing extra inmates brought in \$208,517.50 and Report of Collections was \$82,981.53.
- A new Deputy has been hired and he started on Wednesday. His name is Matt Roberts.

- **Stephany Dowd, LCC:**

- Brought two additional appropriation requests that she has already presented to the County Commissioners and they have made a recommendation to approve. The first request is for \$26,500.00 for a Conference. Those attending that conference will be Probation, Drug Court, Law Enforcement, Hamilton, Community Mentor, and the Judge. This is an annual conference to obtain the most recent training. The second additional appropriation request is for 8,000.00. This will allow Hamilton Center to offer services to school groups. The Council went on to say that they cannot deal with either of the Additional Appropriations as neither of them have been published so they cannot take action on them today. However, the Council advised Ms. Dowd to pare down the list of attendees for the conference and the persons that attend can bring back the training materials. This will cut down the expense and give a better chance of approval. The Council advised the Auditor to advertise the Additional Appropriation for 8,000.00 and the Council will consider the request at their November meeting.

- **Chris O'Brien, EMA Director:**

- He is applying for the EMPG Salary Grant. This grant will reimburse the county 18,450.00 for EMA salaries. He applies for it every year and it has been granted every year.
- Mr. O'Brien also wanted to take this opportunity to update the Council on other grants that he has been working on. First, the grant for new computers at the Sheriff's Department – the money should be here by mid-November and that will close that grant out. He is working on another grant to put auxiliary radios into dispatch. It will not be closed out by the end of the year so there is a good chance that we would have to do a loan into that fund until the grant monies are received and we can repay that loan. He will keep the Council updated on that portion. Finally, the grant for the new console in dispatch. He has gotten several quotes but currently the range is

between \$200,000 and \$600,000.00. He will continue to work on getting additional quotes. He is hoping to sign an agreement in January 2024 for a new console. As far as options for money, there is almost \$400,000.00 balance in the 911 fund and the other option is using ARP money.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS:**

- No new business to discuss.

**X. OLD BUSINESS:**


- No old business to discuss.

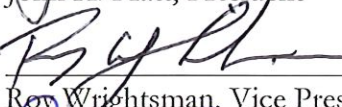
**XI. GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- John Pratt asked the Auditor, Mary Anne Wood if her office was gearing up to sell Transient Merchant Licenses (TML) at the Bridge Festival. She only has one employee in the office currently as the remaining employees are in Bridgeton and Mansfield on TML duty.

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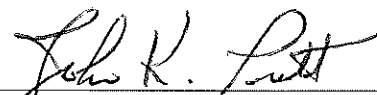
  
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Jim Howard

  
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Rick Patton

  
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Tom Rohr

  
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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 9:22a.m.

  
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John K. Pratt, President

ATTEST:

  
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Mary Anne Wood, Auditor