

## COUNTY COUNCIL

October 14, 2021

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, September 9<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; Larry Gambaiani, Vice President; Roy Wrightsman, Jack B. Bulter, Rick Patton and Cameron Martin. James Howard and Laura Fischer; Auditor were absent. Also present was Nicole Collings, First Deputy Auditor and Joshua Castaneda, Payroll Deputy. Also present were Katie Potter, John Martin, Jessica Lancaster, Justin Cole, Cyndi Todd and Janet Cooper.

III. **GENERAL BUSINESS:** None

- IV. **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:** The following additional appropriations were approved on a motion by Councilman Roy Wrightsman and seconded by Councilman Larry Gambaiani. The motion passed unanimously.

MVH RESTRICTED FUND 1173-02-02-3111	
Bituminous	\$35,000.00
PRE-TRIAL DIVERSION FUND 1182-00-04-7020	
Equipment	\$977.00
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT FUND 4103-00-03-5035	
Operating Supplies	\$7,408.23
LOCAL HEALTH DEPT TRUST FUND 1206-00-01-1123	
Part Time Nurse	\$5,000.00

- V. **TRANSFERS:** The Council approved the request for the transfer of funds on a motion by Councilman Jack B. Butler and seconded by Cameron Martin. The following resolutions were adopted.  
Be it resolved; the Parke County Council hereby approves the following requests for transfer:

<u>Clerk</u>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$401.72</b>
Payroll	1119-00-01-1501	
Equipment	1119-00-04-7020	

<u>Emergency Medical Services</u>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
Postage	1000-16-02-3020	
Service Contracts	1000-16-03-5083	

<u>Prosecutor</u>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,043.50</b>
Depositions	1000-17-01-1217	
Transcript	1000-17-01-1216	

<u>Emergency Medical Services</u>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>
CBF Special Events Ambulance	1170-00-01-1502	
Ambulance Vehicle Maintenance	1170-00-03-5061	

<u>Emergency Medical Services</u>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
Medical Supplies	1170-00-02-3030	

Ambulance Vehicle Maintenance 1170-00-03-5061

**Emergency Medical Services** **TOTAL** **\$1,000**

Sheriff's 1170-00-04-7020

Ambulance Vehicle Maintenance 1170-00-03-5061

**Emergency Medical Services** **TOTAL** **\$4,000**

Additional Salaries EMT's 1000-16-01-1801

Vehicle Maintenance 1000-16-03-5060

**Emergency Medical Services** **TOTAL** **\$3,000**

Additional Salaries EMT's 1000-16-01-1801

Service Contracts 1000-16-03-5083

**VI. JURY PAY:** The Auditor presented the Parke County Clerk's certification of jury fees collected for July and August 2021, and requested \$318.04 to be transferred into the Jury Pay Fund, pursuant to IC 33-19-8-8. Councilman Rick Patton made the motion to direct the Auditor to transfer the jury fees collected in the amount of \$318.04 from the County Users Fund to the Jury Fee Fund. The motion was seconded by Cameron Martin and unanimously carried.

July 31, 2021 \$221.37

August 31, 2021 \$96.67

#### **VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Redevelopment Commission (RDC) – Cyndi Todd reported that they received the support to meet with a sponsor for their housing needs assessment for Parke County. It will be funded by three departments: Redevelopment Commission, Town of Rockville, and Partnership Parke County. Kick off was last week for the project.
- Planning and Zoning Commission – Jack B. Butler reported the only problem seems to still be the Purple Property. They keep going to court but it still doesn't get cleaned up.
- Courthouse Security Board – Did not meet.
- Solid Waste District- Cameron Martin reported the committee does not meet until October 28, 2021. Councilman John Pratt reported that Cameron Martin, Roy Wrightsman, and himself meet with Solid Waste District to discuss the increase for their budget for 2022. Solid Waste District reported the increase is due to price increases and their recycled products were not as valuable. The Council suggested some options to help with their budget and suggested that place their request earlier for 2023 budget. Larry Gambaiani made the motion to grant the increase for the Solid Waste District budget for 2022. Jack B. Butler seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

- **2022 Budget Adoption:**
  - Councilman Roy Wrightsman read a prepared statement to the Parke County Taxpayers addressing the County Council reasonings for the decisions made regarding the 2022 Parke County Budget. The statement expressed the Council's commitment to work through the pandemic and the strain it could cause to the county's budget. They will continue to work for the bettering of the county. They Council took steps in July to increasing the salaries for the highway department. They Council also recognized that many department head requested a flat or lowered budget for the upcoming year. This budget is not final. Adjustments may need to be made after the State reviews the 2022 budget or upon the Council receiving more firm revenue forecasts.

- Parke County Ordinance 2021-05 was presented for the Council's consideration. The ordinance authorizes the adoption of the 2022 budget. Roy Wrightsman made a motion to adopt the 2022 budget. Cameron Martin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

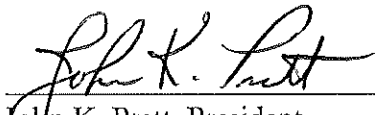
#### IX. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

- Sheriff, Justin Cole:

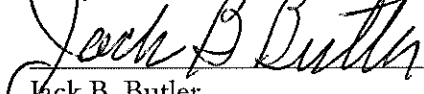
- There are 73 inmates and 10 DOC inmates currently in the jail.
- Covered Bridge Festival is going well for the department. They have made 30 arrests with most of them not being related to the Covered Bridge Festival.
- On August 11, 2021 the State Police conducted their report on the officer shooting and the Prosecutor cleared the deputy.
- The Sheriff's Department had a deputy resign and his last day will be October 18, 2021.
- Justin Cole reported that National Night Out was successful for the department.

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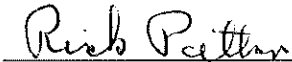
  
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Larry Gambaiani, Vice President

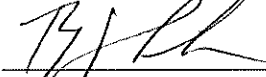
  
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Jack B. Butler

Absent

Jim Howard

  
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Rick Patton

Roy Wrightsman

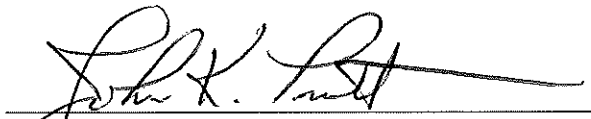
  
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Roy Wrightsman

Cameron Martin

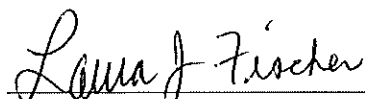
  
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Cameron Martin

Absent

**ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business to come before the Council, the motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Jack B. Butler and seconded by Council Vice President, Larry Gambaiani, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

  
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John K. Pratt, President

ATTEST:

  
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Laura J. Fischer, Auditor

10-14-2021