

**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 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; Roy Wrightsman, Rick Patton, Jack B. Butler, James E. Howard and Cameron Martin. Larry Gambaiani, Vice President was absent. Present from the Auditor's Office were Laura Fischer, Auditor and Michelle Woods, 3<sup>rd</sup> Deputy Auditor. Also present were Jessica Lancaster, John Martin, Jim Meece, Chris O'Brien, Katie Potter, Mary Alice Gregg and Justin Cole.
- III. READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes from July, August and Budget 2022 were tabled.
- IV. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:** The Council considered additional appropriation requests as published in the newspaper August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022. 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 2022, 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 request as advertised on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 for RDC and to deny the additional appropriation request made by the Health Dept as another additional will be submitted in October. Jack B. Butler seconds and the motion carried unanimously.

<u>FUND/DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
Health Department	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Software and Equipment – 1159-00-04-7020		
Total Health Department Fund:	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
 RDC Central Parke TIF	\$510,000.00	\$510,000.00
Service Contract – 4502-00-03-5080		
Total RDC Central Parke TIF Fund:	\$510,000.00	\$510,000.00

**V. TRANSFER OF FUNDS:** The Council tabled the request for the transfer of funds made by the Health Department. Council asks why the extra clerical isn't being paid per the adopted budget. Auditor states that this is the way the State requires it. Council asks for documentation that the State requires it to be done this way. Council states this position has an adopted budget and salary. Auditor states she will find the documentation.

Amount: \$5,000.00

From: 1159-00-01-1121 – Health Dept – Part Time Nurse

To: 1159-00-01-1501 – Health Dept – Extra Clerical

**VI. REAPPROPRIATIONS:** Due to a payment being made twice to Koorsen Fire & Security, one being from the incorrect fund, a request for reappropriation has been submitted. Council approved reappropriation with a motion made by Roy Wrightsman and seconded by Cameron Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

Amount: \$1,188.00

Fund: 1000-08-03-5080

General – Service Contracts

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

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Redevelopment Commission – Signed revised interlocal with town for 41 sewer project. Approved invoices for attorney. Considered revolving loan for Hurricane Hill Botanicals and loaned them \$15,000.00.
- Planning and Zoning Commission – Did not meet
- Courthouse Security Board – Tested courthouse panic buttons. Worked but texts didn't go through. Randy Cleaver is working with company on this issue.
- Solid Waste District – Did not meet

## IX. DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS:

- **Chris O'Brien, 911:**
  - Asked the Council for approval to apply for two grants. First being the salary re-imbursement grant that is applied for every year. Second is a grant for \$20,000 to use for purchase of communication equipment. No matching needed on these grants. Roy Wrightsman made a motion to approve. Cameron Martin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- **Jim Meece, Commissioner:**
  - County will be using a new tent company for the Covered Bridge Festival. The tents will start going up on Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Vendors should have their shacks in place by Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - 3 areas on a road that was paved by an outside company is not setting up well due to the mix being done wrong. Oil is leaking from the road causing the need to sand these spots. This was not done by highway department.
- **Katie Potter, Assessor:**
  - Re-Assessment – Washington Township. Informal hearings for 22 pay 23 assessments. IBTR hearing next Thursday.
- **Mary Alice Gregg, Recorder:**
  - States that everything is fine in the office.
- **Justin Cole, Sheriff:**
  - DOC has brought in \$112,000.00 this year. Average \$12,445/month. 62 inmates currently being housed. Parke County had a homicide and a fatal accident over the holiday weekend. Flush valve replacement project has started. Community Service people have been helping with housekeeping, painting, ect. at the jail.
- **Laura Fischer, Auditor:**
  - Handed out a budget status report to the Council. Auditor states that there will be a shortage of funds for the November election. Meal prices increased by the Commissioners. Wants to know what the Council wants to do to make sure this fund isn't in the red at the end of the year. John Pratt states the Auditor needs to talk with the Clerk to see how he wants to handle this issue and that in the future any problems like this should always start with the Department Head rather than the Council.

## X. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- **Ordinance 2022-11** has been drafted and published. The ordinance modifies local income tax rates. There is no increase in taxes, just shifting money around. Council will determine action on this Ordinance in October. If adopted, this will take effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.
- John Pratt asked Auditor, Laura Fischer what the status is on recovering money from an employee that was overpaid. The Auditor states that she has turned all the information over to the attorney. John Pratt said if not taken care of then a claim needs to be filed again the Auditors bond.

## XI. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Resolution 2022-06** presented for consideration. Relates to longevity pay for Parke County Employees and Units of Government (civilian). Upon reaching the 5<sup>th</sup> year of continuous service with Parke County each employee shall receive additional compensation of \$1,500, 10<sup>th</sup> year \$2,500, 15<sup>th</sup> year \$3,500. Each being a \$500 increase. This is the only change to the previous resolution.
- **Resolution 2002-07** presented to be considered. Relates to Deputy longevity. Years of Service: 5 years \$3,000, 10<sup>th</sup> \$5,000, 15<sup>th</sup> year \$7,000. Each being a \$1,000 increase. This is the only change to the previous resolution.

**Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-6 and Resolution 2022-7 is made by Jack B. Butler and seconded by Cameron Martin. Motion carried unanimously.**

- Roy Wrightsman read the County Budget Adoption Letter from the Council.
- **Ordinance 2022-10 – 2023 Parke County Budget:** Roy Wrightsman made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-10 and it was seconded by Jack B. Butler. The motion carried unanimously.
- West Central Solid Waste District – Approval Request: Motion made to approve by Jack B. Butler and seconded by Cameron Martin. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Resolution 2022-08** presented for consideration. Relating to Appropriation of Grant Proceeds. Grants are to be brought before the Council. Motion to approve made by Jack B. Butler and seconded by Rick Patton. The motion carried unanimously.
- Council to discuss mileage.

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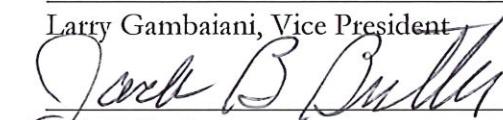
  
John K. Pratt, President

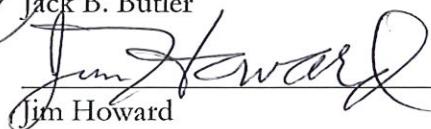
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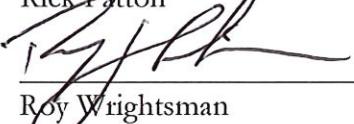
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Larry Gambaiani, Vice President

  
Jack B. Butler

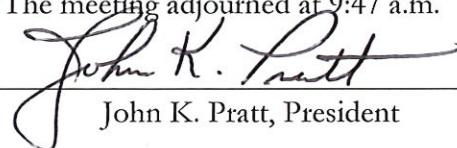
  
Jim Howard

  
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Roy Wrightsman

  
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 Roy Wrightsman. The meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

  
John K. Pratt, President

ATTEST:

  
Laura J. Fischer

Laura J. Fischer, Auditor