

# COUNTY COUNCIL

September 9<sup>th</sup>, 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, Rick Patton, Jack B. Butler and Cameron Martin. James E. Howard was absent. Present from the Auditor's Office were Laura Fischer, Auditor and Nikki Spurr, 3<sup>rd</sup> Deputy Auditor. Also present were Judge Swaim, Stan Rukes, Katie Potter, Justin Cole, Jim Meece, Cyndi Todd, John Martin and Katlyn Wells.
- III. **READING OF THE MINUTES:** The Auditor advised minutes would be ready in October.
- IV. **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:** The Council considered additional appropriation requests as published in the newspaper August 25<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: Jack B. Butler made a motion to approve the additional appropriation requests as advertised on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The motion was seconded by Cameron Martin and carried unanimously.

<u>FUND/DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>AMOUNT REQUESTED</u>	<u>AMOUNT APPROVED</u>
MVH Restricted	\$938,990.76	\$938,990.76
Bituminous – 1173-02-02-3110		
Total for MVH Restricted	\$938,990.76	\$938,990.76
 MVH Restricted	 \$56,000.00	 \$56,000.00
Equipment – 1173-03-04-7020		
Total for MVH Restricted	\$56,000.00	\$56,000.00

- V. **TRANSFER OF FUNDS:** The Council approved the request for the transfer of funds on a motion made by Larry Gambaiani, seconded by Roy Wrightsman and carried unanimously.

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

Amount: \$275.00  
From: 1000-09-02-3020  
Assessor Postage  
To: 1000-09-03-5080  
Assessor Service Contracts

Amount: \$869.32  
From: 1000-09-02-3010  
Assessor Office Supplies  
To: 1000-09-03-5080  
Assessor Service Contracts

Amount: \$19.96  
From: 1219-00-03-5020  
Parks & Rec Training & Travel  
To: 1219-00-02-3100  
Parks & Rec Operating Supplies

**VI. REAPPROPRIATIONS: N/A**

**VII. JURY PAY:** Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 \$110.75 – Motion to approve jury pay was made by Jack B. Butler and seconded by Cameron Martin. The motion carried unanimously.

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Redevelopment Commission (RDC) – N/A
- Planning and Zoning Commission – N/A
- Courthouse Security Board – N/A
- Solid Waste District- Met and approved minutes. N/A

**IX. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

- Katie Potter, Assessor:
  - Everything is going great.
- Justin Cole, Sheriff's Dept:
  - 71 inmates, 11 DOC.
  - \$110,000 billed out.
  - \$11,485.77 collected in other fees.
- Jim Meece, Commissioner
  - Approved PCI to use square for festival. Hand sanitizers will be available in the tents and on the square. Will encourage spacing.
  - Council and Commissioners have to work together to spend ARP funds.
  - Sprinkler has been fixed.
  - Signed contract with Core Facilities.
- Julie Lanzone, EMS:
  - Nothing to report


**X. GENERAL BUSINESS:**


- Judge Swaim spoke to the Council about the Circuit Court Budget. No change to prior budget needed. Odyssey system is being used to e-file cases. If original case was filed before Odyssey, any new filings for that case needs to be e-filed. Addressed Public Defender Board budget. There are fewer local practitioners than there used to be. Currently 2 public defenders contracted and they are at or above retiring age. Public Defender Board would have to search other counties for replacements. Supply and demand situation now causing competition with other counties to find public defenders. Asking for separate program to handle public defender business so that the circuit court staff no longer has to handle this and can do their regular work.


- CASA Director, Katlyn Wells asked to hire an independent contractor for a training coordinator. Would do training for both Parke and Vermillion counties. Being an independent contractor, there would not be benefits offered. 30 hours of training each session. Training every quarter.
- Stan Rukes reached out the Council to grant clerical position from part-time to full-time/part-time and to raise salary to \$12.50/hr. The duties of the clerical position are to answer phones, schedule and contact drivers for VA appointments, complete paperwork for drivers to turn in to the VA, end of month transportation reports, investigative work for Stan, start updating Parke County cemetery records, begin organizing military funerals.
- Mary Alice Gregg states she pays a part-time position 2 days a week from the Recorder's Perpetuation Fund. Would like to have that part-time position changed to full-time/part-time, paid at \$12.50/hr., and shared with Veteran's Office. 3 days in Veteran's Office, 2 days in Recorder's Office. Council states that cannot be done as that would make that position full-time and eligible for benefits. County will not make that position full-time and offer benefits. Need to keep hours to a part-time status.
- Roy Wrightsman presented draft of budget as it stands at this point. Proposed adopted budget, tax levy and rate. Budget at this point is almost 19 million. Will adopt in October, plenty of time to make adjustments. Salary ordinance mostly prepared and will be adopted in either November or December.

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John K. Pratt/President

  
Larry Gambatani, Vice President

  
Jack B. Butler

ABSENT

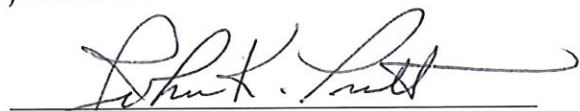
Jim Howard

  
Rick Patton


  
Roy Wrightsman

  
Cameron Martin

**ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business to come before the Council, the motion to adjourn was made by Jack B. Butler, seconded by Cameron Martin. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

  
John K. Pratt, President

ATTEST:

  
Laura J. Fischer, Auditor

