

COUNTY COUNCIL

January 8th, 2015

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, January 8th, 2015 to consider additional requests in excess of the Budget allowed for 2015, 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; Rick Patton, Roy Wrightsman, Jack B. Butler, Jim Howard, Thomas E. Stambaugh, Pam Adams; Auditor and Kim Casey; 3rd Deputy Auditor. Also present were Justin Cole; Sheriff, Jason Frazier, Diana Hazlett, Larry Bemis, Katie Potter, Mary Jo Harkrider and Mary Alice Gregg.
- III. READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on December 11th, 2014 as well as the special meeting held on December 29th, 2014 were approved upon a motion made by Jack B. Butler and seconded by Rick Patton.
- IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS FOR 2015:**

Rick Patton made a motion to appoint John K. Pratt Council President and appoint Larry Gambaiani Council Vice President. Jim Howard seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

A listing of officers and appointments was presented for the Council's review. A motion to approve the appointments as listed was made by Jack B. Butler. Roy Wrightsman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, thus the following appointments were made for 2015.

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TERM</u>
Council President	John K. Pratt	2015
Council Vice President	Larry Gambaiani	2015
Plan Commission Representative	Jack B. Butler	2015
Economic Redevelopment Commission	John K. Pratt	2015
Rockville Economic Redevelopment Commission	Larry Gambaiani	2015
Economic Development Commission	Roy Wrightsman	2015
West Central Indiana Economic Development Advisory Board	Jim Howard	2015
Local Alcoholic Beverage Board	James St. Clair	2015
Parke County Park Board	Phil Weatherman	2015-2018
Board of Zoning Appeals	Brad Craycraft	2015
Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals	Kim Shorter	2015
	J. Gene Jones	2015
Rockville Public Library Board	Connie Becker	2014-2017
Montezuma Public Library Board	Paul Ballantyne	2012-2015
911 Advisory and Communications Board	Larry Gambaiani	2015
Local Emergency Preparedness Commission and Emergency Management Agency Advisory Board	Thomas Stambaugh	2015

- V. TRANSFER OF FUNDS:** The Council approved the request for the transfer of funds. The following resolution was adopted.

TRANSFERS

Be it resolved, the Parke County Council hereby approves the following request for transfer:

Jack B. Butler made a motion to adopt the following transfer; the motion was seconded by Roy Wrightsman and carried unanimously.

Amount: \$72,000.00
From: 1110-00-03-5110
CAGIT Certified Shares / Other Services & Charges / Liability Insurance
To: 1110-00-01-2300
CAGIT Certified Shares / Personal Services / Health Insurance

- VI. OTHER BUSINESS:** The Council took the following actions:

- Reviewed the transfer of funds made in December 2014, approval having been granted by Council at the October 9th, 2014 meeting.

- Reviewed the December 2014 Auditor's Monthly Financial Statement and Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission reports.

VII. JURY PAY: The Auditor presented the Parke County Clerk's certification of jury fees collected for December 2014, and requested \$103.58 be transferred into the Jury Pay Fund, pursuant to IC 33-19-8-8. Rick Patton made the motion to direct the Auditor to transfer the jury fees collected in the amount of \$103.58 from the County Users Fund to the Jury Fee Fund. The motion was seconded by Thomas E. Stambaugh and unanimously carried.

VIII. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS: None presented.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- Council President John K. Pratt expressed he, as Council President, would like to vote on all matters brought before the Council and he would like his vote on the record. The other Council members had no objection to his request.
- Assessor Katie Potter said she is glad to be aboard. Katie stated there has been a large increase in agricultural land assessment per the notice received from the Department of Local Government and Finance.
- Larry Gambaiani commended Terry Hensley and the Ambulance Service for the terrific job they did while handling the accident he and his wife were recently involved in. Larry felt the EMT's were very professional, cordial and responded in a timely manner.
- Parke County Sheriff Justin Cole reports:
 - The jail count is 53 with 39 County, 4 DOC and 10 out of county holds.
 - Presented the 2014 Annual Commissary Report, 2014 Year End Statistics Report, December Report of Collections and Department of Corrections Billing for the Council's review.
- Justin Cole and Amy Hensley provided information regarding the three (3) technology grants for which they have applied. Due to grant requirements counties must now pay in advance and receive reimbursement. County Council was asked for their consideration to loan seed money for the following grants:
 - Emergency Management Performance Grant - \$ 8,485.29 - equipment.
 - County Specific Homeland Security Grant - \$ 19,999.93 - radios for the Sheriff's Department.
 - JAG Grant - \$ 47,000.00 for computer/video surveillance equipment for the Sheriff's Department.
 - Auditor Pam Adams stated the seed money needed for the grants could be loaned from either the Rainy Day or Riverboat Fund and once grant reimbursement is received, the money would be repaid to the fund from which the funds were loaned.
- Terry Hensley informed the Council he has applied for an USDA Grant which would provide 35% funding for the cost of a replacement vehicle for the Ambulance Service; however there is some competition for the grant as the Town of Rockville has also applied for this grant to purchase a vehicle for the Rockville Police Department.
- Clerk Diana Hazlett presented the 2014 Court Revenue Report along with the Case Filing Statistics Report from 2011 through 2014.
- Auditor Pam Adams presented the annual Compensation Agreement in Lieu of Statutory Fees between Justin Cole and the County of Parke for the Council's consideration. Larry Gambaiani made a motion to approve the agreement. The motion was seconded by Jack B. Butler and carried unanimously.
- Adams informed the Council of the following:
 - She was contacted by the Department of Local Government regarding the 2015 budget for the Health Department Fund. The County's new field representative told Adams the County cannot move \$25,000.00 of the 2015 General Fund levy to the Health Fund as she was told previously. However, the Council could transfer \$25,000.00 of the excess levy to the Rainy Day Fund and use it to pay Health Department expenses. The Council advised Adams to move forward with the transfer.
 - \$215,000.00 has been deposited into eligible employees Health Savings Accounts. New employees hired before February 1st, 2015 will receive the county portion of the contribution to an HSA, anyone hired after February 1st, 2015 will be eligible for insurance, but will not receive a Health Savings Account contribution from the County. They will become eligible for an HSA contribution at the next open enrollment period.
 - An informative meeting regarding the Health Clinic will be held January 8th, 2015 at the Courthouse.
 - There is a shortfall in the Clerical salary line in the Reassessment Fund due to the elimination of the Clerical position and the fact that the County pays employees two weeks behind. Jack B. Butler made a motion to allow Auditor Pam Adams to complete a transfer to cover the payroll issue. Thomas E. Stambaugh seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - Budget error was discovered in the service contracts line for Tyler Technologies. Only one of the two contacts was included in the budget request.

- Assessor Katie Potter said she would attempt to re-negotiate the current four (4) year contract in effort to reduce the cost.
- Adams presented the 2015 Council Meeting Schedule for the Council's review. The 2016 budget hearing was discussed and changed to September 15th and 16th, 2015, with the hearings beginning at 8:30 a.m. on September 15th and at 1:00 p.m. on September 16th. Roy Wrightsman made a motion to approve the schedule as submitted with the noted changes for the budget hearings. The motion was seconded by Jack B. Butler and carried unanimously.
- Adams provided the Council the following information:
 - Copy of the signed contract between the Economic Development Services and Partnership Parke County. The contract commenced January 1st, 2015 and shall expire December 31st, 2017. The contract will continue past the initial term on an annual basis unless notice is given by either party at least 90 days prior to the expiration date. Parke County agreed to appropriate no less than \$50,000.00 annually to be made payable to the Partnership in January of each year that the contract is in force.
 - Letter from the Indiana Public Retirement System which states the annual employer contribution rate of 11.2% would be effective January 1st, 2015.
 - DNR report on US Highway 36 Wabash River Bridge rehabilitation.
- John Pratt mentioned the Council has \$5,000.00 budgeted in 2015 for attorney fees. He suggested the Council utilize an attorney to supplement services provided by County Attorney John Asbury. Pratt stated the Council and Auditor need someone to address legalities for items like Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Districts and abatement issues. Larry Gambaiani and Roy Wrightsman will make contact with some potential attorneys and report back to the Council.

X. OLD BUSINESS:

- Extension Director Jim Luzar informed Tom Stambaugh, Purdue is currently working on calculating the refund amount due to Parke County for the extension agent positions that were open for a period of time. Luzar hopes to have the information and payment prior to the next Council meeting.

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John K. Pratt, President

Larry Gambaiani, Vice President

Jack B. Butler

Jim Howard

Rick Patton

Thomas E. Stambaugh

Roy Wrightsman

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business to come before the Council, the motion to adjourn was made by Jack B. Butler and seconded by Larry Gambaiani, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

John K. Pratt, President

ATTEST:

Pam Adams, Auditor