

COUNTY COUNCIL

May 14th, 2015

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, May 14th, 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; Jack B. Butler, James E. Howard, Rick Patton, Thomas E. Stambaugh, Roy Wrightsman, Pam Adams; Auditor and Brandy Asher; 2nd Deputy Auditor. Also present were Jim Meece, Mary Jo Harkrider, Katie Potter, Larry Bemis, Pam Sanders and Sheriff Justin Cole.
- III. READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on April 9th, 2015 were approved upon a motion made by Jack B. Butler and seconded by Rick Patton.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS: The Council approved the request for the transfer of funds on a motion Roy Wrightsman and seconded by Thomas E. Stambaugh. The following resolution was adopted.

TRANSFERS

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

Amount: \$1,500.00
From: 1000-08-01-1802
General Fund/ Courthouse/ Personal Services/ Part-Time
To: 1000-08-01-1804
General Fund/ Courthouse/ Personal Services/Overtime
Amount: \$825.00
From: 1000-04-03-5080
General Fund/ Treasurer/ Other Services & Charges/ Service Contracts
To: 1000-04-03-7020
General Fund/ Treasurer/ Capital Outlays/ Office Equipment

- IV. OTHER BUSINESS:** The Council took the following actions:
 - Reviewed the January 2015 Auditor’s Monthly Financial Statement.
 - Reviewed Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission report and agenda.
- V. JURY PAY:** The Auditor presented the Parke County Clerk’s certification of jury fees collected for April 2015, and requested \$88.82 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 \$88.82 from the County Users Fund to the Jury Fee Fund. The motion was seconded by James E. Howard and unanimously carried.
- VI. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:** The Council considered additional appropriation requests as published in the newspaper April 29th, 2015. President John K. Pratt reviewed the appropriations from written requests submitted by Auditor, Pam Adams. 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 2015, 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:

Auditor Pam Adams requested the Council deny the additional appropriation request for the Rainy Day Fund that was tabled at the April 9th meeting.

Larry Gambaiani made a motion to approve the additional appropriations advertised April 29th, 2015 and to deny the additional appropriation request for the Rainy Day Fund which was tabled on April 9th, 2015; the motion was seconded by Jack B. Butler and carried unanimously.

FUND/ DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
Parke County Highway Fund		
Major Budget Classification/General & Undistributed/ Other Services & Charges/ Repair Parts 1176-03-02-3042	\$22,745.11	\$22,745.11
Total for Parke County Highway Fund	\$22,745.11	\$22,745.11

Parke County Cumulative Bridge Fund

Major Budget Classification/ Supplies/ Bridge Inspections 1135-00-02-3100	\$ 6,950.00	\$ 6,950.00
Major Budget Classification/ Capital Outlays/ Equipment 1135-00-04-7020	\$28,095.91	\$28,095.91
Total for Parke County Cumulative Bridge Fund	\$35,045.91	\$35,045.91

Parke County RDC West Central TIF District Fund

Major Budget Classification/ Other Services & Charges/ Service Contracts 4500-00-03-5080	\$ 4,117.53	\$ 4,117.53
Total for Parke County RDC West Central TIF District Fund	\$ 4,117.53	\$ 4,117.53

93.563 Prosecutor Title IV-D Incentive Fund

Major Budget Classification/ Personal Services/ Incentive Administrative 8897-00-01-1002	\$ 1,156.62	\$ 1,156.62
Total for 93.563 Prosecutor Title IV-D Incentive Fund	\$ 1,156.62	\$ 1,156.62

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Councilman Roy Wrightsman made a report on the Parke County Redevelopment Commission (RDC). On behalf of the RDC, Wrightsman presented three proposed Ordinances which will establish standard operating procedures for persons/businesses seeking property tax abatements. The ordinances will also need to be approved by the Town of Rockville in order to be in full effect.

Council member Roy Wrightsman presented **Parke County Ordinance 2015-05** for a first reading. The Ordinance establishes local procedures for applying for and receiving property tax abatements in Parke County, Indiana as well as creating a single contact point for initiating and obtaining information concerning abatements.

Wrightsmen presented **Parke County Ordinance 2015-06** for a first reading. The Ordinance establishes an annual fee during each year in which a property owner's property tax liability is reduced by a deduction applied for under IC 6-1.1-12.1.

Wrightsmen presented **Parke County Ordinance 2015-07** for a first reading. The Ordinance establishes a non-reverting fund to deposit fees related to property tax abatements received by the Parke County Redevelopment Commissioner and the Parke County Redevelopment Commission acting as the Redevelopment Commission for the Town of Rockville.

Each Ordinance will have a second reading at the Council's June 11, 2015 regular meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- Parke County Assessor Katie Potter advised the Council per recent legislation the State assessed valuation rate for agriculture land will not increase for 2015 payable 2016. Potter also reported new construction valuations are complete and she intends to roll values to the Auditor on Monday.
- A request from Sheriff Justin Cole for an amendment to the 2015 Parke County Salary Ordinance was presented to the Council. The Detective Sergeant position that was formerly held by Cole has not yet been filled. Cole would like to pay a regular deputy's salary amount from that appropriation number until he has had an opportunity to make his selection on who to promote to that position. When the vetting process is complete he would then like to go back to the full salary amount for the position. Larry Gambaiani made a motion to approve the amendment to the 2015 Salary Ordinance as requested. Jack B. Butler seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Potter advised the Council she successfully negotiated a reduction to the Tyler Technologies contract, the original contract was for \$158,000.00 per year the new cost will be \$148,000.00 per year. Potter said the County could save an additional \$2,000.00 if the performance bond is removed from the contract. John Pratt stated the issue of the performance bond is an item for the Commissioners to consider.
- Recorder Mary Jo Harkrider told the Council she applied for a grant, in the amount of \$7,800.00 from the Indiana Professional Land Surveyors. Harkrider attended their board meeting on Monday evening and will know if the grant will be approved by June 30, 2015. If approved the funds will be used to purchase equipment which will allow the Recorders office to make digital scans of documents.
- County Commissioner Jim Meece appeared before the Council:
 - Noted there is a dead Ash tree on the southeast corner of the Courthouse lawn; Custodian Don Pruner has someone to remove the tree including the stump. The Commissioners are discussing what type of tree will be used to replace it.
 - The scaffolding for the Clock Tower and Dome renovation is now in place; the contractors are required to sign in; there is a contractual completion date of September 25th, 2015 and if the job

goes beyond this date the contractor will need to suspend operations until after the Covered Bridge Festival.

- Work on the chiller in the attic is complete; the copper tubing was scrapped and the check has been submitted to the Auditor.
- Advised the Council that Judge Swaim serves on the Indiana Bicentennial Committee for Parke County. The Judge has suggested having a mural of “Uncle” Joe Cannon painted on a wall located near the Courtroom on the second floor. There would be no tax dollars used in the project as all monies will be from bicentennial donations. A prominent local artist, Bill Wolfe, is being considered for the project.
- Meece stated the Commissioners had not given Mainstreet Rockville to build a permanent sign on the Courthouse lawn, but had told the organization they would need to see more information and detailed drawings. After Meece met with Mainstreet Rockville members, Mary Nicola and Sande Bemis, a mutual decision was made not to move forward with the project.
- A letter notifying Parke County that West Central Solid Waste District (WCSWD) will not bill Parke County for annual cost sharing expenses in 2015 was presented to the Council; the letter also stated if any payments had already been submitted to WCSWD from the County, they will be refunded.
- Council President John Pratt extended his ‘Thanks’ to Commissioner Meece for his personal efforts regarding the County roads, for taking calls to listen to citizens’ concerns and for going out and doing manual labor to help repair the roads.

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

- The final invoice for repairs to the chiller unit in the Courthouse was presented for the Council’s review. The original estimate was for \$20,620.00; the invoice came in under the estimate at an amount of \$14,166.63.
- Reviewed information from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources regarding scheduled repairs and renovation to the US Highway 36 Bridge over the Wabash River in Montezuma, IN.

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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 Rick Patton and seconded by Jack B. Butler, the meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

John K. Pratt, President

ATTEST:

Pam Adams, Auditor