

COUNTY COUNCIL

May 12, 2016

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday May 12, 2016 to consider additional requests in excess of the Budget allowed for 2016, 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 Rusty Ratcliff; 3rd Deputy Auditor. Also present were Jim Meece, Diana Hazlett, Larry Bemis, Mike Strack, Mary Jo Harkrider, Katie Potter and Tim Skinner.
- III. READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on April 14, 2016 were approved upon a motion made by Roy Wrightsman and seconded by Thomas E. Stambaugh.
- IV. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:** None presented.
- V. TRANSFER OF FUNDS:** The Council approved the request for the transfer of funds on a motion by Larry Gambaiani and seconded by Rick Patton. The following resolution was adopted.

TRANSFERS

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

Amount: \$130.30
From: 1000-01-03-5080
General Fund/Clerk/Other Services & Charges/ Service Contracts
To: 1000-01-04-7021
General Fund/Clerk/Capital Outlays/Equipment
Amount: \$65.15
From: 1110-00-02-3010
CEDIT Fund/Supplies/Office Supplies
To: 1110-00-04-7021
CEDIT Fund/Capital Outlays/ E.B. Election Equipment

- VI. JURY PAY:** The Auditor presented the Parke County Clerk's certification of jury fees collected for April 2016, and requested \$101.55 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 \$101.55 from the County Users Fund to the Jury Fee Fund. The motion was seconded by Jim Howard and unanimously carried.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Reviewed a report from Green*3 regarding a bridge project on State Road 236 in Greene Township.
- Reviewed a public water supply application submitted to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management by the Bellmore Dollar General Store.
- Reviewed the 2016 Circuit Breaker report for Parke County.
- Reviewed the Local Option Income Tax report for the first quarter of 2016 from the Indiana Department of Revenue.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- Sheriff Justin Cole:
 - Report of Collections: \$4,160.79 for the month of April and \$119,886.09 for the year.
 - DOC billing in the amount of \$18,655.00 for April and \$132,895.00 for the year. And currently have 17 out of county inmates.
 - The issue with water in 2 cells still persists resulting in 4 un-used beds.
 - In the process of installing new software updates at the Jail.

- After applying for a grant there are only two patrol cars that are not equipped with an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).
- Commissioner Jim Meece:
 - Reported that the roof work is being completed on Courthouse Clock Tower and adjustments were made to the new louvres which will cut down on the amount of rainwater coming into the clock tower.
 - Meece also stated the County received approval for a Department of Natural Resources grant, in the amount of \$187,000.00 for the Montezuma B&O Railroad Bridge which spans the Wabash River at Montezuma. The part of the grant that the County will have to match is to be done ‘in-kind’ with the Town of Montezuma and the County dividing the match. The State has approved \$150,000.00 in reimbursable grant funds to the County. The bridge will be made into a walking/biking path across the river.
 - Meece also informed the Council that INDOT will close both lanes of the State Road 163 Bridge across the Wabash River at Clinton in the future to rehabilitate the structure. Meece expressed concerns and advised the Council there may be a temporary change necessary to the County Emergency Medical Services protocols due to the closure, because the County Ambulance Service will not be able to use the bridge to transport patients to Union Hospital at Clinton. In addition the U.S. Highway 36 Bridge at Montezuma will also be closed, however it will only have one lane closed at a time for the majority of its rehabilitation with a possibility of having both lanes closed for a two to three day period at some point during the project. It is unclear if the bridges will be closed at the same time.
- Clerk Diana Hazlett report the primary election on May 3rd, 2016 went smoothly. The County Election Board will meet tomorrow to review the 23 provisional ballots.
- County Assessor Katie Potter advised the Council she rolled 2016 pay 2017 values to the Auditor on May 5th, 2016. Potter also stated the Form 11’s have been mailed.
- Councilman Larry Gambaiani voiced concerns over school safety. His concern stems from the events at North Vermillion School where an unknown car was parked in the parking lot. The car turned out to belong to mushroom hunters, however the incident made Gambaiani wonder what might the County would need to do to be proactive and not reactive to a possible incident at one of the school’s in Parke County. Cole told the Council he was looking into what it would take to start a program where an officer would be in the schools and was also researching possible grants to pay for such a program.
- Auditor Pam Adams provided the Council with information regarding the 2016 Local Income Tax Special Distribution. Adams reported the County’s portion totaled \$793,341.57 with seventy-five (75%) percent being restricted for use toward infrastructure. The remaining twenty-five (25%) is eligible to be receipted into the General Fund, the Rainy Day Fund or a County Home Rule Fund. Parke County’s Rainy Day Fund has a stated use for information technology, but the ordinance can be amended at any time to expand the way funds may be used. A home rule fund must have a stated purpose and monies may only be used for that purpose. James E. Howard made a motion to receipt the 25% unrestricted special distribution into the County Rainy Day Fund. Jack B. Butler seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- Adams provided information regarding the 2016 State Called County Council Conference, which will be on June 18, 2016 at the Indiana Grand Racing and Casino in Shelbyville, IN. Adams requested Council members who are interested in attending notify her by the end of next week in order to get the registration information submitted.

IX. OLD BUSINESS: None presented.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Roy Wrightsman reviewed matters from the Redevelopment Commission’s (RDC) meeting:
 - There is a possibility of the old Ferguson Lumber property being converted into an affordable housing project. Also discussed was a potential new office building; if the project moves forward the office spaces are spoken for, but a location has yet to be determined.
 - The sewer project for the Town of Rockville continues to move forward. The town installed flow meters to catch the ‘rainy season’.
 - Representatives from the Town of Montezuma attended the RDC meeting to discuss the expansion of town water and sewer to Superior Hardwood, Big Inch and Parke County Aggregates. Superior Hardwood especially needs the water lines for fire protection. The expansion of public utilities might attract other/new businesses to the area.
 - The RDC will be filing small claims action on a defaulted loan. The borrower of the second defaulted loan has declared bankruptcy.

- The Redevelopment Commission approved the use of funds in the RDC Operations Fund to be used toward the Depot project, an additional appropriation request will be presented at the June County Council meeting.
- John Pratt stated the TIF Districts are being reviewed to determine if parcels need to be removed or added. This matter will require Council approval when the review is finalized.
- Jack B. Butler reported Plan Commission business:
 - Stated Plan Commission Administrator Cassie Wittenmyer is actively working to get three separate property owners to clean up their properties. Butler reminded the Council this process can take up to a year.
 - The location that was formerly Brattain’s Small Engines on State Road 59 north of Bellmore will now be an Amish Buggy Manufacturing and Repair business.

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John K. Pratt, President

Larry Gambaiani, Vice President

Jack B. Butler

James E. 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 Thomas E. Stambaugh. The meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

John K. Pratt, President

ATTEST:

Pam Adams, Auditor