

**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**July 10th, 2014**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, July 10th, 2014 to consider additional requests in excess of the Budget allowed for 2014, and to conduct such other business as may be properly brought before the Council.
- II. ROLL CALL:** Council members present were James A. Rahn, President; John K. Pratt, Vice President; J. B. Butler, Larry Gambaiani, Rick Patton, Tom Stambaugh, G. Max Williams, Pam Adams; Auditor and Kim Casey; 3rd Deputy Auditor. Also present were Justin Cole, D. Michael Eslinger, Cathy Delp, Larry Bemis, Mary Jo Harkrider, Mary Alice Gregg, Amanda Smith, Kenna Haase, Amy Hensley, Mark Spelbring and Randy Mosele.
- III. READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on June 12th, 2014 were approved upon a motion made by J.B. Butler and seconded by G. Max Williams.
- IV. 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:

J.B. Butler made a motion to adopt the following transfer; the motion was seconded by Rick Patton and carried unanimously.

Amount: \$2,000.00  
From: 1219-00-01-1506  
Park & Recreation / Personal Services / Fieldman  
To: 1219-00-01-1504  
Park & Recreation / Personal Services / Watchman

- V. OTHER BUSINESS:** On motions made by Larry Gambaiani and seconded by Tom Stambaugh which unanimously carried; the Council took the following actions:
- Advanced Correctional, in the amount of \$840.45 to account number 1170-00-03-6052, Public Safety County Share / Other Services & Charges / Prisoner Medical and Dental.
  - HCC US Specialty Insurance Company, in the amount of \$15,994.61 to account number 1138-00-03-5050, Cumulative Capital Development / Other Services & Charges / Courthouse Building Maintenance.
  - Reviewed County Monthly Financial Statement for June 2014, Parke County Health Department Monthly Financial Report and Wabash River Corridor Commission Minutes.
- VI. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:** The Council considered additional appropriation requests as published in the newspaper June 25th, 2014. President James A. Rahn 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 2014, 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: Larry Gambaiani made a motion to approve the additional appropriations advertised June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014; the motion was seconded by G. Max Williams and carried unanimously.

<b>FUND/ DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>AMOUNT APPROVED</b>
<b>County Highway Fund</b>		
Major Budget Classification / Maintenance & Repairs / Supplies / Bituminous Materials 1176-02-02-3111	\$ 24,448.89	\$ 24,448.89
<b>Total for County Highway Fund</b>	<b>\$ 24,448.89</b>	<b>\$ 24,448.89</b>
<b>Pre-Trial Diversion Fund</b>		
Major Budget Classification / Capital Outlays / Equipment 1182-00-04-7020	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
<b>Total for Pre-Trial Diversion Fund</b>	<b>\$ 5,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,500.00</b>

## VII. NEW BUSINESS:

- Parke County Sheriff D. Michael Eslinger reported:
  - The jail count is 63 with 40 County, 11 Department of Corrections and 12 Out of County holds.
  - Presented Report of Collections, Uniform Crime Report and Department of Correction billing for June 2014.
  - Parke County will hold 15 beds for Vigo County inmates; this will help to increase revenue.
  - Sheriff's sale was held Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Total proceeds of sale \$15,248.00, less auctioneer's fee of 15% equaling \$2,287.20; total net proceeds \$12,960.80. Auditor Pam Adams stated all items sold in sheriff's sale must be receipted in to the same fund from which the equipment was originally paid.
  - 2 new jail employees are trained and working regular shifts.
  - The air conditioner malfunctioned in the computer equipment room and temperatures exceeded 112 degrees which caused the computer equipment to breakdown. Both the computer equipment and AC unit were repaired, however there was a loss of data on the server which will need to be input. Replacement of the 15 year old AC equipment is under consideration.
  - Stated three of the Public Safety budget lines have critical balances:
    - Vehicle Maintenance: \$5,384.00
    - Prisoner Medical and Dental: \$11,080.00
    - Prisoner Meals: \$14,500.00
- Treasurer Mary Alice Gregg informed the Council the courtesy letters were mailed to property owners who have property eligible for the September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 tax sale.
- Upon a request from John Pratt, Adams presented the Council an example letter from Hamilton County Council including the budget instructions to be followed by Elected Officials and Department Heads. Pratt thought it may be something the Council would like to explore for departmental budget preparation in the future.
- Extension Director Amanda Smith requested permission to advertise for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extension Educator position. The position would be ½ time 4-H Youth Director, ½ time Health and Human Sciences. John Pratt made a motion to approve the advertisement, contingent upon a one year review, the advertisement of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extension Educator position and Larry Gambaiani seconded the motion. The motion carried with the following vote count:

Yea: John K. Pratt, Thomas E. Stambaugh, Larry Gambaiani and Rick Patton

Nay: Jack B. Butler

Abstain: G. Max Williams

- Auditor Pam Adams reported:
  - The Department of Local Government Finance was in the Auditor's office conducting 2014 Pay 2015 budget workshops for all County taxing units from July 7<sup>th</sup> – July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
  - The State Budget Agency has calculated the assessed valuation growth quotient for 2015 at 2.700%.
  - Non-binding reviews are scheduled September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 after the regularly scheduled council meeting. Adams indicated all civil tax units will need to advertise budgets both in the paper and on the website due to a new statutory requirement. This will cause a large increase in advertising expenses. Beginning in 2015 the unit will only need to advertise on the website, but the County Auditor will be responsible for putting one advertisement in the newspaper which will include information for all of taxing units.

## VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

- Court House tower repair:
  - Jim Meece, Bruce Hartman, John Pratt and Pam Adams met to discuss funding options for the estimated \$1.7 million repair:
    - Borrow funds from the Indiana Bond Bank; up to \$2 million with a maximum 10 year repayment term.
    - Combination of debt service and CEDIT funds. Bruce Hartman is working on establishing a timeline for debt services. Per DLGF the county would need to have the debt in place by year end 2014 in order to use debt service in 2015. County Council granted Auditor Pam Adams permission to advertise for a debt service fund.
  - Per Don Pruner the insurance company will have a crane at the Court House to remove metal from the roof on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014.
  - Engineer has not been contracted to date. Engineering and Construction will be contracted separately.

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James A. Rahn, President

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John K. Pratt, Vice President

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J. B. Butler

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Larry Gambaiani

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Rick Patton

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Tom Stambaugh

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G. Max Williams

**ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business to come before the Council, the motion to adjourn was made by Larry Gambaiani and seconded by John Pratt, the meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

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James A. Rahn, President

ATTEST:

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Pam Adams, Auditor