

**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**July 9, 2015**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, July 9th, 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. Also present were Don Pruner, Katie Potter, Larry Bemis, Diana Hazlett, Mike Strack, Sheriff Justin Cole and Jim Meece.
- III. READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on June 11th, 2015 were approved upon a motion made by Jack B. Butler and seconded by Rick Patton.
- IV. TRANSFER OF FUNDS:** The Council approved the request for the transfer of funds on a motion by Larry Gambaiani and seconded by Jack B. Butler. 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: 1000-19-01-1110  
General Fund/ Sheriff/ Personal Services/ Detective Sergeant  
To: 1000-19-01-1122  
General Fund/ Sheriff/ Personal Services/ Civil Process Server

Amount: \$6,950.00  
From: 1135-00-04-7032  
Cumulative Bridge/ Capital Outlays/ Bridge #72  
To: 1138-00-02-3100  
Cumulative Bridge/ Supplies/ Bridge Inspections

Amount: \$6,165.00  
From: 1138-00-02-3102  
Cumulative Capital Development/ Supplies/ Operating Supplies-Jail  
To: 1138-00-04-7022  
Cumulative Capital Development/ Capital Outlays/ Equipment-Jail

Amount: \$2,100.00  
From: 1219-00-01-1505  
Park & Rec/ Personal Services/ Gateman  
To: 1219-00-03-5040  
Park & Rec/ Other Services & Charges/ Equipment Maintenance

Amount: \$2,500.00  
From: 1219-00-01-1506  
Park & Rec/ Personal Services/ Fieldman  
To: 1219-00-03-5040  
Park & Rec/ Other Services & Charges/ Equipment Maintenance

- V. OTHER BUSINESS:** The Council took the following actions:
- Reviewed the June 2015 Auditor's Monthly Financial Statement.
  - Arsee Engineers, Inc. – Meeting Progress Report #1
  - Arsee Engineers, Inc. – Field Reports #002, #003, #004 and #005
- VI. JURY PAY:** The Auditor presented the Parke County Clerk's certification of jury fees collected for April 2015, and requested \$128.62 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 \$128.62 from the County Users Fund to the Jury Fee Fund. The motion was seconded by Thomas E. Stambaugh and unanimously carried.

**VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Redevelopment Commission:**

**Roy Wrightsman reported:**

- Commission finished adopting the Ordinances establishing abatement procedures and fees for the County.
- Sent the new required notices to advise taxing units on there is no excess assessed valuation allocated to the TIF Economic Development Areas.
- Scott Pet Products may be expanding if they can get hooked up to the town sewer system.

- Commission received and approved a request from the Parke County Highway for \$49,000.00 to improve County Road 100 N which serves the West Central Parke TIF District. And a request for the balance of the available funds in the East Central Parke TIF District fund to improve Walker Ramp Road in 2016; this request was also approved.
- The Commission will begin the process of releasing assessed valuation back to the taxing units in the East Central TIF District.

**VIII. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:** None presented.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Assessor Katie Potter advised the Council that 2015 pay 2016 Real Estate Valuations have been balanced between her office and the Auditor. Personal Property has been sent to the Auditor, but is not yet balanced.
- Potter also stated she will be meeting with a representative from the Schneider Corporation who hosts an online property record website called Beacon. Potter is looking into the possibility of getting Parke County's property record card information entered onto the Beacon site at no cost to the County. The site would allow 'searchers' to access our property record information from any computer. Potter stated that at one time Parke County's data was on the Beacon site, but it was not accurate and per Katie's request the company removed the incorrect information.
- Potter explained to the Council she did not receive a request for an appeal in the matter of a personal property tax abatement from Timberland Resources within the required thirty day period after her office sent the Form 113. Therefore they are not entitled to an abatement for 2015 pay 2016.
- Commissioner Jim Meece and Courthouse Custodian Don Pruner told the Council the HVAC system in the Emergency Services Building is failing. The system consists of three units and is between 23 and 25 years old and because of it is mounted in the above the ceiling tiles it has not received regular maintenance. Pruner is concerned about the heat exchanger; if it is cracked there is a possibility of carbon monoxide issues. Pruner has obtained a quote, in the amount of \$1,800.00, to replace the compressor in the unit that is not working at all. John Pratt requested that Pruner get two or three quotes for the cost of replacing the entire system; the Council doesn't think it's in the best interests of the County to spend \$1,880.00 and then have to replace the entire system shortly thereafter if the rest of the system fails.
- Meece told the Council that the Courthouse project is coming along fine. Meece stated there have been some minor changes in how things are being done inside the building, but he doesn't think it will be an issue as long as there are no changes to the outside of the building. There are ten of the high windows that have rotted frames, the contractor is going to ensure they are fixed correctly. The project is approximately three weeks behind due to the amount of rain we have had. The engineers have the contractors painting in quadrants to be able to track the amount of time accurately. Meece also stated he doesn't have a problem with the contractor continuing to paint during the Covered Bridge Festival if it is necessary.
- Meece also suggested the Council look at the lower part of the roof area of the building around where the guttering is. There is rust showing and he is sure the terne metal will need to be repaired and paint remediation done.
- Meece advised the Council the company who was trying to build a hog operation at the Parke / Fountain County line has pulled out. Meece stated there is a local farmer who is interested in taking over the property.
- Sheriff Justin Cole reported to the Council there are currently 40 inmates being housed at the Jail. Year to date DOC inmate holding collections have totaled \$83,151.79 and the year to date total for all inmate holding is \$113,610.00.
- Cole presented the Council with copies of the Jail Commissary report for June 30, 2015.
- EMS Director Terry Hensley told the Council the USDA Grant for a new vehicle has been awarded to Parke County. The total grant is for \$30,000.00; Parke County will be required to provide 65% matching funds totaling \$19,500.00. Hensley presented the Commissioners with quotes on several different vehicles and they voted to move forward with Hensley's recommendation for a Dodge RAM 1500 Pickup truck.
- Auditor Pam Adams advised the Council State's Certified Growth Quotient for the 2016 budget year is 2.6%.
- Adams provided the Council with a revised Commissioner meeting schedule for 2015.
- Rockville Lake Park Superintendent Jameson Hibbs has tendered his resignation. Hibbs has accepted a position at another park. Hibbs will be leaving in early August.

**X. OLD BUSINESS:**

- Adams presented the Council with copies of the 2015 pay 2016 Parke County budget timeline.

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Larry Gambaiani, Vice President

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Thomas E. Stambaugh

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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 Rick Patton, the meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

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John K. Pratt, President

ATTEST:

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Pam Adams, Auditor