

**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**September 11th, 2014**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, September 11th, 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 Cindy Hein, Mary Jo Harkrider, Mary Alice Gregg, Cathy Delp, Diana Hazlett, Marilyn Allen, Justin Cole, Randy Norman, Larry Bemis, Mike Eslinger, Steve Rukes and Thomas Rohr.
- III. READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on August 14th, 2014 were approved upon a motion made by John Pratt 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:

John Pratt made a motion to adopt the following transfer; the motion was seconded by Tom Stambaugh and carried unanimously.

Amount: \$2,000.00  
From: 1000-04-03-5080  
County General / Treasurer / Other Services & Charges / Service Contracts  
To: 1000-04-01-1501  
County General / Treasurer / Personal Services / Extra Clerical

Amount: \$5,000.00  
From: 1170-00-04-7050  
Public Safety County Share / Capital Outlays / Building & Grounds – Sheriff  
To: 1170-00-03-6052  
Public Safety County Share / Other Services & Charges / Prisoner Medical & Dental

Amount: \$1,930.18  
From: 1170-00-03-6053  
Public Safety County Share / Other Services & Charges / Uniforms & Bedding  
To: 1170-00-03-6052  
Public Safety County Share / Other Services & Charges / Prisoner Medical & Dental

Amount: \$2,000.00  
From: 1170-00-03-6050  
Public Safety County Share / Other Services & Charges / Prisoner Detention  
To: 1170-00-03-6052  
Public Safety County Share / Other Services & Charges / Prisoner Medical & Dental

Amount: \$235.00  
From: 1206-00-03-5040  
Local Health Department Trust / Other Services & Charges / Equipment Maintenance  
To: 1206-00-02-3030  
Local Health Department Trust / Supplies / Clinic Supplies

Amount: \$500.00  
From: 1219-00-02-3010  
Park & Recreation Fund / Supplies / Office Supplies  
To: 1219-00-02-3100  
Park & Recreation Fund / Supplies / Operating Supplies

Amount: \$3,000.00  
From: 1219-00-03-5055  
Park & Recreation Fund / Other Services & Charges / Grounds Maintenance  
To: 1219-00-03-5050  
Park & Recreation Fund / Other Services & Charges / Service Contracts

Amount: \$4,515.00  
From: 1179-00-02-3100  
Park & Rec Non-reverting / Supplies / Operating Supplies  
To: 1179-00-03-5080  
Park & Rec Non-reverting / Other Services & Charges / Service Contracts

V. **JURY FEE FUND:** The Auditor presented the Parke County Clerk’s certification of jury fees collected for August 2014 in the amount of \$154.61 and requested the amount 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 \$154.61 from the County Users Fund to the Jury Fee Fund. The motion was seconded by Max Williams, and unanimously carried.

VI. **OTHER BUSINESS:** On motions made by John Pratt and seconded by Larry Gambaiani which unanimously carried; the Council took the following actions:

- Reviewed County Monthly Financial Statement for August 2014, Parke County Health Department Monthly Financial Report, Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission Minutes, Veteran’s Service Officer Report and LOIT Quarterly Estimate Summary Report – 2014 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr.

VII. **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:** The Council considered additional appropriation requests as published in the newspaper August 27th, 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 August 27th, 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>Redevelopment Commission (RDC) Operations Fund</b>		
Major Budget Classification / Supplies / Office Supplies 1001-00-02-3010	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Major Budget Classification / Other Services & Charges / Telephone 1001-00-03-5030	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
Major Budget Classification / Other Services & Charges / Service Contracts 1000-00-03-5080	\$ 38,192.85	\$ 38,192.85
Major Budget Classification / Other Services & Charges / Local Match 1001-00-03-5082	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
<b>Total for Redevelopment Commission (RDC) Operations Fund</b>	<b>\$ 49,092.85</b>	<b>\$ 49,092.85</b>
<b>Redevelopment Commission (RDC) Revolving Loan Fund</b>		
Major Budget Classification / Other Services & Charges / Redevelopment Loans 1002-00-03-5081	\$ 36,014.68	\$ 36,014.68
<b>Total for Redevelopment Commission (RDC) Revolving Fund</b>	<b>\$ 36,014.68</b>	<b>\$ 36,014.68</b>
<b>Accident Reports Fund</b>		
Major Budget Classification / Other Services & Charges / Vehicle Maintenance 1101-00-03-5060	\$ 9,348.48	\$ 9,348.48
<b>Total for Accident Reports Fund</b>	<b>\$ 9,348.48</b>	<b>\$ 9,348.48</b>
<b>Covered Bridge Fund</b>		
Major Budget Classification / Other Services & Charges / Covered Bridge Repairs 1134-00-03-5150	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
<b>Total for Covered Bridge Fund</b>	<b>\$ 30,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 30,000.00</b>
<b>Highway Fund</b>		
Major Budget Classification / General & Undistributed / Supplies / Gas, Oil and Lubricants 1176-03-02-3040	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Major Budget Classification / General & Undistributed / Supplies / Repair Parts 1176-03-02-3042	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 38,000.00
<b>Total for Highway Fund</b>	<b>\$ 68,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 68,000.00</b>
<b>Reassessment Fund</b>		
Major Budget Classification / Other Services & Charges / Service Contracts 1188-00-03-5080	\$ 79,000.00	\$ 79,000.00
<b>Total for Reassessment Fund</b>	<b>\$ 79,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 79,000.00</b>

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Parke County Sheriff D. Michael Eslinger reported:
  - The jail count is 63 with 40 County, 10 Department of Corrections and 13 Out of County holds.
  - Presented Report of Collections, Uniform Crime Report and Department of Correction billing for September 2014.
  - Eslinger presented an amendment for the Parke County Police Retirement Plan for Council President James Rahn signature. This is for an amendment to the pension required by the State and Federal Government. The amendment doesn't include any additional cost to Parke County.
  - Discussed ongoing computer issues, department openings and cell block camera replacement.
- An Open House will be held for Alice Alderson will be held at the Parke County Fairgrounds 4-H Community Building on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to show appreciation for her years of service to 4-H and the Extension office.
- Highway Superintendent Randy Norman:
  - Stated the damaged Grad-all is being repaired. The Highway Department will be leasing new equipment to be used for pipework and bridgework.
  - Informed Bridge 248 in Lena has opened and INDOT will clean up and complete the final details on the project.
  - Provided back up documents (invoices) regarding Gas & Oil and Covered Bridge Funding. Several Covered Bridges have recently been cleaned, painted and repaired.
- Auditor Pam Adams told the Council the **Declaration of County Tax Rates for Fiscal Year October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2015** is prepared for their signatures.
- Adams presented the Certification of Local Option Income Tax – Budget Year 2015 Parke County. The LOIT (Levy Freeze) can be adjusted annually, Parke County has not adjusted tax rate since 2007. John Pratt made a motion to leave the rate the same and amend at a later date if necessary. Larry Gambaiani seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Auditor Pam Adams presented **Ordinance 2014-10** for the Council's consideration. The Ordinance **allows the County to establish a fund to pay for costs associated with repairs and maintenance to the clock tower, dome and upper (attic) level of the Parke County Courthouse. Funding will be pursuant to IC 36-9-41-1(1) A public work project that will cost the political subdivision not more than two million dollars (\$2,000,000).**

A motion was made by J. B. Butler to adopt **Ordinance 2014-10**. The motion was seconded by Rick Patton and carried unanimously.

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Auditor Pam Adams presented **Resolution 2014-06** for the Council's consideration. The Resolution allows the reduction of appropriation within the County Health Fund in the following amount:

Health Fund	Amount to reduce
1159-00-01-2300	
Personal Services / Insurance	\$14,585.00

A motion was made by John Pratt to adopt **Resolution 2014-06**. The motion was seconded by Rick Patton and carried unanimously.

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**IX. 2014 BUDGET ADOPTION:**

- John Pratt read a prepared statement to address the County Council's reasoning for decisions made regarding the 2015 Parke County Budget. The statement included information regarding what data and criteria is used to develop a governmental budget. This amount includes a \$500.00 raise for all full time County employees and a \$250.00 raise for all permanent part time employees.

This statement also included the Council's thanks to all of the Elected Officials and Department Heads for their understanding and willingness to work with the Council during the 2015 Budget process.

Auditor Pam Adams presented **Parke County Ordinance 2014-11** for the Councils consideration. The Ordinance allows for the expenses of Parke County for the year ending December 31, 2015 in the sums specified and are ordered set apart out of the several funds named for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same. John Pratt made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2014-11. Jack B. Butler seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**X. OLD BUSINESS:** None presented.

**XI. Review of Civil Taxing Units 2014 Proposed Budgets and Property Tax Levies and Non-Binding Recommendations:**

The Parke County Council reviewed 2015 proposed budgets and levies for all Civil Taxing Units, Special Districts and Schools in Parke County. The Council made the following non-binding recommendation:

After reviewing and comparing all taxing units John K. Pratt made a motion to recommend all civil taxing units budgets and levy proposals either as presented or not to exceed this year's growth quotient. Larry Gambaiani seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business to come before the Council, the motion to adjourn was made by Rick Patton and seconded by John K. Pratt, the meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

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James A. Rahn, President

ATTEST:

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Pam Adams, Auditor