

**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**September 12, 2013**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, September 12th, 2012 to consider additional requests in excess of the Budget allowed for 2013, 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 Cathy Delp; 3rd Deputy Auditor. Also present were Dena Foxworthy, Roberta Davis, Patty McClain, Mike DePlanty, Mary Pierce, Frank Swaim, Debbie Barnhizer, Diana Hazlett, Marilyn R. Allen, Mary Jo Harkrider, Mary Alice Gregg, Randy Norman, Tom Rohr, Randy Wright, Cindy Hein, Tisha Lohrmann, D. Michael Eslinger, Bill Todd, and Larry Bemis.
- III. READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on August 8th, 2013 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 on a motion made 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: \$5,000.00  
From: 1219-00-04-7010  
Park & Rec./ Capital Outlay/ Vehicles  
To: 1219-00-01-1506  
Park & Rec./ Personal Services/ Fieldman

Amount: \$4,200.00  
From: 1219-00-04-7020  
Park & Rec./ Capital Outlay/ Grounds Equipment  
To: 1219-00-01-1505  
Park & Rec./ Personal Services/ Gateman

Amount: \$3,000.00  
From: 1219-00-04-7030  
Park & Rec./ Capital Outlay/ Campground Equipment  
To: 1219-00-01-1500  
Park & Rec./ Personal Services/ Clerical

Amount: \$2,000.00  
From: 1219-00-02-3010  
Park & Rec./ Supplies/ Office Supplies  
To: 1219-00-01-2300  
Park & Rec./ Personal Services/ Insurance

Amount: \$800.00  
From: 1219-00-02-3100  
Park & Rec./ Supplies/ Operating Supplies  
To: 1219-00-01-2100  
Park & Rec./ Personal Services/ Social Security

Amount: \$725.00  
From: 1219-00-03-5030  
Park & Rec./ Other Services & Charges/ Telephone  
To: 1219-00-01-1505  
Park & Rec./ Personal Services/ Gateman

Amount: \$494.99  
From: 1000-04-02-3010  
County General/ Treasurer/ Capital Outlay/ Office Supplies  
To: 1000-04-04-7020  
County General/ Treasurer/ Capital Outlay/ Office Equipment

Amount: \$10,000.00  
From: 1170-00-02-3030  
Public Safety County Share/ Supplies/ Medical Supplies  
To: 1170-00-01-1802  
Public Safety County Share/ Personal Services/ Part Time EMT's

Amount: \$1,000.00  
 From: 1219-00-01-1506  
 Park & Rec./ Personal Services/ Fieldman  
 To: 1219-00-01-1500  
 Park & Rec./ Personal Services/ Clerical

**V. OTHER BUSINESS:** On a motion made by Tom Stambaugh and seconded by Larry Gambaiani and unanimously carried; the Council took the following actions:

- Town of Marshall, in the amount of \$62.08 to account number 1170-00-03-5060, Public Safety/ Other Services & Charges/ Vehicle Maintenance Sheriff.
- Reviewed Veterans Service Officer's reports for July and August, Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission meeting minutes, and County monthly financial report.

**VI. JURY FEE FUND:** The Auditor presented the Parke County Clerk's certification of jury fees collected for August 2013, and requested the amounts 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 \$198.83 for August 2013 from the County Users Fund to the Jury Fee Fund. The motion was seconded by G. Max Williams, and unanimously carried.

**VII. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:** The Council considered additional appropriation requests as published in the newspaper August 28th, 2013. 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 that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget for 2013, BE IT ORDAINED, by the County Council of Parke County Indiana that, 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: John Pratt made a motion to approve the additional appropriations advertised August 28th, 2013; the motion was seconded by J. B. Butler and carried unanimously.

<b>FUND/ DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>AMOUNT APPROVED</b>
<b>Local Health Maintenance Fund</b>		
Major Budget Classification/ Personal Services/ Clerk-Registrar Part-Time 1168-00-01-1510	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,750.00
Major Budget Classification/ Personal Services/ Social Security 1168-00-01-2100	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 1,900.00
<b>Total for Local Health Maintenance Fund</b>		
<b>Public Safety Fund</b>	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00
Major Budget Classification/ Other Services & Charges/ Vehicle Maintenance 1170-00-03-5060	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Major Budget Classification/ Other Services & Charges/ Prisoner Detention 1170-00-03-6050	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Major Budget Classification/ Other Services & Charges/ Prisoner Meals 1170-00-03-6051	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
Major Budget Classification/ Other Services & Charges/ Prisoner Medical & Dental 1170-00-03-6052	\$53,000.00	\$53,000.00
<b>Total for Public Safety Fund</b>		
<b>County Highway Fund</b>	\$22,953.20	\$22,953.20
Major Budget Classification/ Supplies/ Maintenance & Repairs/ Bituminous Materials 1176-02-02-3111	\$22,953.20	\$22,953.20
<b>Total for County Highway Fund</b>		
<b>Pre-Trial Diversion Fund</b>	\$ 6,667.00	\$ 6,667.00
Major Budget Classification/ Other Services & Charges/ Grant Local Match Money 1182-00-03-5082	\$ 6,667.00	\$ 6,667.00
<b>Total for Pre-Trial Diversion Fund</b>		
<b>National Night Out Fund</b>	\$ 521.64	\$ 521.64
Major Budget Classification/ Supplies/ Operating Supplies 4103-00-02-3100	\$ 521.64	\$ 521.64
<b>Total for National Night Out Fund</b>		

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Parke County Auditor Pam Adams discussed issues pertaining to the 2013 and 2014 Parke County Health Department budgets. Adams stated once all of the data was entered on the Form 4B for the Health Department it was apparent the proposed budget for 2014 could not be funded; and there is also a possibility that the 2013 budget might not be funded. Dr. Frank Swaim asked about possible causes for the budget to not be able to be funded. Adams explained that a combination of things has happened such as decreased revenues, increases to the budget and the County growth quotient which is the amount the County is allowed to increase their tax levy has gone down each year resulting in the operating balance for the fund to be spent down. County Clerk and former County Auditor Diana Hazlett offered to educate the Health Board on the County budget process. Hazlett mentioned the County Council could adopt a resolution to loan the Health Fund money from another County fund such as the CREDIT Fund to get them through the end of 2013. If the loan couldn't be repaid by year end then a resolution for a six month extension could be adopted allowing the Health Fund until June 30, 2014 to repay the loan. The Council advised the Health Department to proceed with their normal operations until a solution could be found.
- Treasurer Mary Alice Gregg reported 61 properties had been sold in the tax sale which left 14 properties unsold.
- Assessor Marylin Allen said 72 assessment appeals had been filed, most are rental unit complaints.
- Ambulance Director Terry Hensley stated the EMS building was complete and will be fully furnished by September 19, 2013. There is \$25,000.00 remaining in the USDA grant fund which is to be used for furnishings and equipment. Hensley stated he tried for several months to get a determination as to whether the remaining grant money could be used to finish construction on the second floor of the EMS building; he has finally gotten an answer from the USDA Rural Development Grant Administrator and the funds cannot be allocated for a purpose other than what was included with the original grant award. Hensley is seeking permission from the USDA to use the balance to purchase a new vehicle to replace the Jeep he currently uses. Hensley stated he could come up with the remainder of the vehicle cost, which would be approximately \$2,500.00 would come out of the 2013 EMS budget. The Council gave Hensley to move forward contingent upon approval from the USDA Rural Development Grant Administration.
- John Pratt read a memo to elected officials and department heads requesting there be no unnecessary spending for the remainder of 2013. John Pratt made a motion to adopt the memo as written, J. B. Butler seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.
- Auditor Pam Adams told the Council the **Declaration of County Tax Rates for Fiscal Year October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014** is prepared for their signatures. The form has been changed this year; in addition to the signatures of the Council President, County Attorney and County Auditor as was required in the past; the new form is also to be signed by the remaining member of the County Council.
- Highway Supervisor Randy Norman told the Council the paving and sealing is completed for the year.
- Parke County Sheriff D. Michael Eslinger reports:
  - Jail count: 45 County, and 11 Department of Corrections.
  - Provided copies of the following reports for August; Invoice to the Department of Corrections, Report of Collections, and Monthly incident report.
  - Two jailers and an administrative assistant have been hired, filling all vacancies.
  - Presented the police retirement plan for a signature by Council President.

Auditor Pam Adams presented **Resolution 2013-08** for the Council's consideration. The Resolution **allows the reduction of appropriation within the County General Fund due to unobligated balances in the following amounts:**

County General	Amount to reduce
1000-01-02-3010 Clerk/ Supplies/ Office Supplies	\$ 3,000.00
1000-03-02-3010 Auditor/ Supplies/ Office Supplies	\$ 1,300.00
1000-05-02-3010 Recorder/ Supplies/ Office Supplies	\$ 1,500.00
1000-05-02-3020 Recorder/ Supplies/ Postage	\$ 500.00
1000-09-02-3010 Assessor/ Supplies/ Office Supplies	\$ 2,000.00

1000-09-02-3020	
Assessor/ Supplies/ Postage	\$ 500.00
1000-04-03-5080	
Treasurer/ Other Services & Charges/ Service Contracts	\$ 3,000.00
1000-41-03-5040	
Council/ Other Services & Charges/ Equipment Maintenance	\$247,418.00
<b>Total for General Fund</b>	<b>\$259,218.00</b>

A motion was made by John Pratt to adopt **Resolution 2013-08**. The motion was seconded by G. Max Williams and carried unanimously.

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**IX. OLD BUSINESS: None presented.**

**X. 9:00 a.m. public budget hearing Rockville Public Library for budget year 2013 pay 2014:**

The Parke County Council began the public budget hearing for the Rockville Public Library and discussed the proposed increases to the tax rate and levy which were presented in excess of the County growth quotient. It was noted that for 2013 pay 2014 the County Council's review of the Rockville Public Library is binding.

**XI. Review of Civil Taxing Units 2013 Proposed Budgets and Property Tax Levies and Non-Binding Recommendations:**

The Parke County Council reviewed 2013 proposed budgets and levies for all Civil Taxing Units, Special Districts and Schools in Parke County. The Council made the following non-binding recommendations:

- John K. Pratt made a motion to recommend a 0.0% levy for General Fund in Florida Township. The motion was seconded by J. B. Butler and it carried.
- John K. Pratt made a motion to recommend a 0.0% levy for Township Assistance Fund in Penn Township. J.B. Butler seconded the motion and it carried.
- After reviewing and comparing all other taxing units John K. Pratt made a motion to recommend all other civil taxing units budgets and levy proposals either as presented or not to exceed this year's growth quotient of 2.6%. J.B. Butler 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 J. B. Butler and seconded by Tom Stambaugh, the meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

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James A. Rahn, President

ATTEST:

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Pam Adams, Auditor