

COUNTY COUNCIL
September 10th, 2015

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday September 10th, 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 and Rusty Ratcliff, 3rd Deputy Auditor. Also present were Jim Meece, Diana Hazlett, Larry Bemis, Katie Potter, Justin Cole, Mike Strack, Mary Jo Harkrider, Mary Alice Gregg, Cindy Hein, Steve Rukes and Terry Hensley
- III. READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on August 13th, 2015 were approved upon a motion made by Jack B. Butler and seconded by Rick Patton.
- IV. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:** The Council considered additional appropriation requests as published in the newspaper August 24th, 2015. Council President John K. Pratt 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 2015, 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 as advertised on August 24th, 2015 and the motion was seconded by Roy Wrightsman and carried unanimously.

FUND/ DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
Riverboat Fund		
Major Budget Classification / Capital Outlays / Vehicle – Ambulance Service 1191-00-04-7021	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,000.00
Total for Riverboat Fund	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,000.00

- V. 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:

Roy Wrightsman made a motion to adopt the following transfer; the motion was seconded by Jack B. Butler and carried unanimously.

Amount: \$5,200.00
From: 1170-00-01-1804
Public Safety/ Personal Services/ Overtime Salaries
To: 1170-00-01-1802
Public Safety/ Personal Services/ Part Time EMT's

Amount: \$2,000.00
From: 1000-16-02-3030
General / Emergency Services / Supplies / Medical Supplies
To: 1000-16-01-1802
General / Emergency Services / Personal Services / Part Time EMT's

Amount: \$22,581.00
From: 1110-00-03-5130
CAGIT Certified Shares/ Other Services & Charges / Worker Comp
To: 1110-00-04-7022
CAGIT Certified Shares / Capital Outlays / Jail Equipment

- VI. JURY PAY:** The Auditor presented the Parke County Clerk's certification of jury fees collected for August 2015, and requested \$124.10 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 \$124.10 from the County Users Fund to the Jury Fee Fund. The motion was seconded by James E. Howard and unanimously carried.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS: The Council took the following actions:

- Reviewed the August 2015 Auditor's Monthly Financial Statement.
- Reviewed Arsee Engineers, Inc. - Field Reports #009 and #010 and Meeting Progress Reports #5 and #6
- Reviewed BAMR – Change Order Requests #2 and #3
- Reviewed BAMR – Louver Estimate in Quadrant 2
- Reviewed BAMR – Mansard Roof Package “Budget”
- Reviewed Meeting Agenda for Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- West Central Indiana Economic Development District, Inc. submitted their 2016 Budget request for the Council's consideration. The proposed budget included an additional amount for a traffic study. Auditor Pam Adams reported that the Commissioners, who were also presented a copy of the budget request, already stated the County has no interest in having the study done and the amount of the budget request was adjusted to reflect the omitted study.
- Commissioner Jim Meece discussed issues with the Courthouse renovation: the louvers need replaced, an additional cost of \$2,400.00 needed to place wire mesh in the cupola openings to keep birds out and the guttering needs to be replaced. Meece also noted at some future time the problem of deteriorating limestone would need to be addressed. Meece also provided an overview of the estimates provided for the repainting of the clock faces.
- Meece confirmed the painting of the Courthouse would continue through the 2015 Covered Bridge Festival.
- Meece discussed the possibility of saving the county money by switching the county's phone service provider from AT&T to Bloomingdale Home Telephone Company.
- Meece also discussed bids to clean up the brush around county covered bridges. There 3 persons/companies who bid to do the work; there are 18 bridges in need of brush removal and grass mowing. The commissioners request no spraying prior to festival to avoid the unpleasant look of dead foliage around the bridges.
- Parke County Sheriff, Justin Cole, reported having six out of county inmates, ROC of \$2,137.00 and the \$25.00 tax warrant fee is now active.
- Cole also reported on the Culligan estimate for the replacement of the jail's water softener. The estimate was \$15,311.00 with an additional \$7,000.00 for labor.
- Cole discussed also discussed the funds for vehicle maintenance, inmate medical bills and prisoner meals would run short before the year's end. He is working with Auditor Pam Adams to find solutions.
- Parke County Treasurer, Mary Alice Gregg, reported on correspondence between county treasurers regarding holding the transfer of real estate until it has been confirmed there are no taxes due on the property.
- EMS Director Terry Hensley reported that the ambulance building's air conditioning unit quit working; the unit is approximately thirteen years old. Hensley reported it would be better to replace the whole system as opposed to a partial replacement. Currently Hensley has two estimates and is waiting on the third. Hensley believes he will be able to pay for the replacement from funds within his current budget.
- Hensley also reported on staffing issues for the ambulance service. Hensley has been using an increased number of part-time staff which is affecting his budget. Councilman Wrightsman inquired if money could be transferred from the full-time budget line into the part-time budget line. Auditor Adams said she would research it.
- Auditor Pam Adams provided the August 2015 Monthly Financial Report. It was noted the Health Department is approximately \$15,000.00 in the red.

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

- Parke County Treasurer, Mary Alice Gregg, reported on the county's 2015 tax sale. Initially, 175 properties were certified with 70 of those going through the sale and a total of 40 being sold. There was approximately \$38,000.00 in taxes collected through the process of the tax sale.
- IDOR 2015 2nd Quarter LOIT estimate was discussed. Councilman Wrightsman asked how this estimate compares to others. Adams indicated she believes we are stable.
- Adams provided a copy of her correspondence with Attorney Robert Clutter in regarding disallowing certain person's access to the County Park. Clutter provided information from his previous research for Lebanon, offered to prepare an ordinance for Parke County and believes the ordinance would fare well in court if challenged. Councilman Pratt noted the information should be forwarded to the Board of Commissioners.

- The Council's appointment to the Local Alcoholic Beverage Board, James St. Clair, has advised John Pratt of his desire to resign. Pratt noted that a letter of resignation should be forthcoming, in the meantime Pratt asked the other Council members to try and find a potential replacement.

X. CIVIL TAXING UNIT BINDING AND NON-BINDING REVIEW:

- The Council reviewed worksheets from each of the Civil Taxing Units within the County. Making a recommendation for the majority of the units to remain within the limits of the State Growth Quotient of 2.6% for the 2015 pay 2016 tax rates and levies.

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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 Jim Howard, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

John K. Pratt, President

ATTEST:

Pam Adams, Auditor