

COUNTY COUNCIL

August 10, 2017

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, August 10, 2017 to consider additional requests in excess of the Budget allowed for 2017, 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 Jason Frazier, Larry Bemis, Hans Eilbracht, Katie Potter, Stacie Jeffries, Randy Norman, Mary Alice Gregg and Kim Shorter.
- III. READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on July 13, 2017 were approved upon a motion made by Roy Wrightsman and seconded by Thomas E. Stambaugh. The motion carried.
- IV. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:** None presented.
- V. TRANSFER OF FUNDS:** Roy Wrightsman made a motion to approve the request for the transfer of funds as listed below. The motion was seconded by Jack B. Butler and the following resolution was adopted.

TRANSFERS

Be it resolved, the Parke County Council hereby approves the following request for transfer:

Amount: \$ 300.00
From: 1000-15-03-5130
General/Commissioners/Other Services and Charges/Worker's Compensation
To: 1000-15-02-3010
General/Commissioners/Supplies/Office Supplies

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- The Council received the July 2017 Auditor's Monthly Financial Statement for review
- Sheriff Justin Cole submitted a request through the Auditor's for re-appropriation, in the amount of \$10,744.57 to account number 1170-00-03-5060, Public Safety/Other Services and Charges/Vehicle Maintenance-Sheriff. Roy Wrightsman made a motion to re-appropriate funds as requested, the motion was seconded by Thomas E. Stambaugh and carried unanimously.
- Auditor Pam Adams provided the Council with Arsee Engineers Meeting Reports 8, 9 and 10. Also presented were Field Reports 12, 13, 14 & 15 for the Council's review.
- The Council reviewed the 2017 2nd Quarter Local Income Tax Estimate's and the Veteran's Service Officer Report for the first half of 2017.

- VII. JURY PAY:** The Auditor presented the Parke County Clerk's certification of jury fees collected for July 2017, and requested \$148.73 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 \$148.73 from the County Users Fund to the Jury Fee Fund. The motion was seconded by James E. Howard and unanimously carried.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Parke County Redevelopment Commission (RDC) – Roy Wrightsman
 - Partnership Parke County would like to include a statement with the LAB property which will be in the September tax sale. The statement would state the completion of Phase 1 & 2 environmental studies have been completed on the property.
 - Cyndi Todd believes Montezuma has a site which would suit the needs of an international brush manufacturer looking to build a new facility.

- Mike Bassett of Scott Pet Products has announced his intentions of building a \$2,000,000.00 warehouse. Bassett is looking to build at either the Vermillion or Parke County site.
- An invoice, in the amount of \$272,544.00, for the Montezuma water/sewer project has been paid. The inter-local agreement includes a commitment of an initial payment of up to \$275,000.00, with eighty percent (80%) of future annual West Central Parke TIF District revenue(s) pledged to pay for the balance of the project.
- Planning and Zoning Commission – Jack B. Butler
 - Reported the Commission was up to \$240,000.00 in construction costs for the month of August.
 - The Commission is still working on cleaning up various properties around the county.
- Courthouse Security Committee – John K. Pratt
 - Larry Gambaiani has been looking into possible grants to help fund improvements to Courthouse security.
 - The Committee is waiting until budget hearings to make any determination on what action they think should be taken on security.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- Chief Deputy Sheriff Jason Frasier estimated attendance for National Night Out was 1100 persons. This is an increase over last year's estimate of approximately 850 persons.
- Parke County Assessor Katie Potter announced the Assessor's staff is currently displaced from their office due to the installation of new carpet.
- Highway Supervisor Randy Norman requested the Council include funding the purchase of a new Grade-All in the 2018 Budget. The cost of the new equipment would be \$390,805.60. The equipment would be paid for with two installments of \$198,535.00 with a balloon payment of one dollar at the end. The Grade-All will come with both an excavating bucket and limb lopper. The old Grade-All will be retained by the Highway department, however, Norman did note the attachments are not interchangeable. Roy Wrightsman made a motion for the Highway Department to move forward with the purchase a new Grade-All for the County. Thomas E. Stambaugh seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- James E. Howard inquired about Norman's preference between a Mow-Trim device and a Forestry Head. Norman prefers the Forestry Head because it can be operated by a single employee. Howard would like to see an estimate on the purchase of a Forestry Head. Norman explained he has an estimate in the works.
- Parke County Recorder Mary Alice Gregg stated she recently attended the Indiana Recorder's Association District Meeting.
- Parke County Treasurer Kim Shorter reported:
 - First Deputy Treasurer Mary Anne Wood and Kim Shorter both attended the Indiana Treasurer's Conference last week and made new contacts who are willing to assist with any questions, problems or concerns which may come up.
 - The Treasurer's office is now balanced through May 10, 2017.
 - Advised the Council, Lisa Lutes began today as Second Deputy Treasurer.
- Hamilton Center – Hans Eilbracht
 - Came before the Council to introduce himself as the new Executive Director of Government Affairs for Hamilton Center.
 - Would like for the Rockville Hamilton Center staff to give the Council a presentation next month on how Hamilton Center benefits Parke County. Pratt instructed Eilbracht to meet with the Auditor to schedule a short presentation.
 - The State has appointed Jim McClelland as the State Drug Czar. The position was created to combat the growing opioid epidemic in Indiana.
- Auditor Pam Adams reminded the Council that their 2018 Public Budget Hearings will be held on Thursday, September 7th and Wednesday, September 8th, 2017. The Council will meet in the Auditor's office of the Courthouse.
- West Central Solid Waste District (WCSWD) has requested the County Council to sign a letter of commitment indicating Parke County will continue to participate as a member of the District for calendar year 2018. Adams reminded the Council that WCSWD began requesting this letter last year. Larry Gambaiani made a motion to sign the 2018 Letter of Commitment to West Central Solid Waste District. James E. Howard seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

X. OLD BUSINESS: None presented.

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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 Thomas E. Stambaugh, the meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

ATTEST:

John K. Pratt, President

Pam Adams, Auditor