

**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**October 10, 2019**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, October 10, 2019 to consider additional requests in excess of the Budget allowed for 2019, 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, Thomas E. Stambaugh, Roy Wrightsman; Rusty Ratcliff, 3rd Deputy Auditor. Rick Patton was absent. Also present were Katie Potter, Larry Bemis, Mary Alice Gregg, Debbie Barnett, Stacie Jeffries, Julie Lanzone, Kurt Lanzone, Ryan Keller, Jim Meece, Cyndi Todd & Justin Cole.
- III. READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on September 12, 2019 were tabled until the November 14, 2019 meeting.
- IV. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:** No additional appropriations were brought before the Council.
- V. TRANSFER OF FUNDS:** Jack B. Butler made a motion to approve the request for the transfer of funds as listed below. The motion was seconded by Larry Gambaiani and the motion carried unanimously. The following resolution was adopted.

**TRANSFERS**

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

Amount: \$ 100.00  
From: 1000-13-02-3020  
General/Veterans Services/Supplies/Postage  
To: 1000-13-03-5020  
General/Veterans Services/Other Supplies & Charges/Travel  
Amount: \$ 2,000.00  
From: 1170-00-02-3030  
Public Safety/Supplies/Medical Supplies  
To: 1170-00-03-5061  
Public Safety/Other Services & Charges/Vehicle Maintenance

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS:**

- The Council was presented with two grant applications from the Emergency Management Director Amy Hensley. The first grant application was in the amount of \$87,150.00 and was for updates to the Sheriff's, 911 Center & EMA servers, the purchase of firewalls, two additional cameras for the Sheriff's Department and a new updated identification badge system. The second grant application was in the amount of \$22,462.00 and is for the purchase of an Emergency Management vehicle. The grants are for de-obligated money and Hensley will need to work quickly if she is to be awarded the grants. The grants are 100% reimbursable, and Hensley believes she can have the money reimbursed back to County before the end of the year. Larry Gambaiani made a motion to accept the grants and for John K. Pratt to sign the applications. Thomas E. Stambaugh seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- Roy Wrightsman made a motion to allow and encourage departments to utilize reward points, gift cards, loyalty program points, and other similar rewards accrued by a department; these rewards will be used to the benefit of the department who acquired them. James E. Howard seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Larry Gambaiani made a motion to acknowledge the receipt of a grant from REMC Multi County Community Trust, Inc. to the Parke County Veteran's office in the amount of \$875.00 for the purchase of an office computer. Jack B. Butler seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Larry Gambaiani made a motion to acknowledge the receipt of a grant from the Parke County Community Foundation to the Parke County Circuit Court in the amount of \$750.00 for the Justice Steve David Reception. Jack B. Butler seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- The Council received an invite from Judge Swaim to attend an informal reception with Indiana Supreme Court Justice Steve David on October 21, 2019. The informal reception will be held at the Rockville American Legion at 4:00 p.m.
- The Council requested the Auditor's office have the final 2019 Transient Merchants License figures submitted to the Council in their November 14, 2019 meeting. The Council also insist the Budget Hearing minutes be completed by the November 14, 2019 meeting.
- Roy Wrightsman presented a revised copy of the Parke County Infrastructure Development Zone Terms of Conditions document. The revisions address the application submission date and defines who can apply for the deduction. Jack B. Butler made a motion to accept the revisions made to the Parke County Infrastructure Development Zone Terms of Conditions for Application document as submitted by Roy Wrightsman. Larry Gambaiani seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**VII. JURY PAY:** The Auditor presented the Parke County Clerk's certification of jury fees collected for August 2019 and requested \$151.57 be transferred into the Jury Pay Fund, pursuant to IC 33-19-8-8. James E. Howard made the motion to direct the Auditor to transfer the jury fees collected in the amount of \$151.57 from the County Users Fund to the Jury Fee Fund. The motion was seconded by Thomas E. Stambaugh and unanimously carried.

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Parke County Redevelopment Commission (RDC) – Roy Wrightsman
  - The RDC entered into a verbal agreement with Cyndi Todd to pursue preliminary utility work on a property near the CSX Line on Lambert Avenue
  - Additions were made to the Parke County Infrastructure Development Zone Terms and Conditions for Application document. The changes affect the submission date of the application and clarifies who claims the exemption when multiple parties are involved.
  - There a couple of delinquent revolving loans. The RDC has decided to give the borrowers additional time before taking any action against them.
- Planning and Zoning Commission – Jack B. Butler
  - Paul Myers was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board.
- Local Emergency Planning Council (L.E.P.C.) – Thomas E. Stambaugh
  - No meeting was held.
- Courthouse Security Committee – John K. Pratt
  - No meeting was held.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS:**

- **West Central Indiana Economic Development District (WCIEDD) – Ryan Keller**
  - Ryan Keller introduced himself as the replacement for Ron Hinsenkamp as the WCIEDD Executive Director.
  - Keller is excited to work with Parke County.
  
- **Parke County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) – Debbie Barnett**
  - The Parke SWCD will be receiving the Indiana's District Showcase Award at the State Soil Board Meeting. The meeting will be held on October 29, 2019 and the Council members are welcomed to attend.
  
- **Parke County Assessor – Katie Potter**
  - Marilyn Meighn has submitted her invoice to the Assessor for the attorney fees accrued for services performed on the Indiana Board of Tax Review (IBTR) appeal. The total bill was \$2,340.00.
  
- **Parke County Commissioner – Jim Meece**
  - The County has not yet signed a contract for the removal of the tree on the northwest corner of the Courthouse. The plans are to remove the tree and replace it with a blue spruce. There are four smaller trees against the foundation the Commissioners hope to have removed as well.
  - The Commissioners plan to install colored lights from the Courthouse down to the street at a future date. Currently the problem with installing the lights is there is no support on the cupola and there is no way to properly secure the lights to the roof. For 2019, the Commissioners have purchased colored flood lights to replace the white lights which currently shine on the clock tower.
  - The pavement purchased from Asphalt Materials was improperly mixed. The pavement contains too much oil. This has caused oil to bleed up from the pavement. The County has applied sand to the pavement in an attempt to alleviate the problem. Asphalt Materials believes the bleeding will stop as the weather turns cold. This problem was not created by the County or Highway Department, this is a problem created by the company, Asphalt Materials, who mixed the pavement. Meece has had complaints regarding the bleeding oil having negative effects on vehicles using the roads. Meece has instructed these taxpayers to contact Asphalt Materials directly.
  - To Meece's knowledge there has been no update on who will be awarded money from the Community Crossings Grant.
  - The truck route signs have been received, but they have not yet been posted.
  
- **Parke County Ambulance – Julie Lanzone**
  - The Report of Collections and run volume for the ambulance service were provided to the Council.
  - All four ambulances are back in service.
  - All supplies, trucks and rangers are stocked and ready for the Covered Bridge Festival.
  - The vehicle maintenance fund has been depleted. Lanzone has done what transfers she can to get through September. The Ambulance Service will need additional funds to get through October, November and December. Roy Wrightsman noted a contributing factor to the depletion of funds is the increase in run volume. According to Lanzone, in the past most patients were delivered to Union Hospital Clinton, however, due to a change in protocol patients are being delivered to hospitals further out. John K. Pratt asked Lanzone to work up an estimate of how much money will be needed to get through the remainder of the year. The Council will see what they can do.

- Lanzone has applied for two micro-grants through the Assistance to Fire Fighters Grant. One micro-grant would pay for the re-mounting of Med 3 and the other micro-grant would pay for training supplies to stock a classroom for the Ambulance Service to host training courses. The grants closed on September 25, 2019, however, Lanzone has not received a denial or approval.
- Lanzone has been informed of another grant opening in November 2019 which would fund by March 2020. This grant will be directed toward rural EMS departments. Should either of the micro-grants she has applied for be denied, Lanzone will apply for this grant as a backup. If the County is awarded both of the micro-grants, Lanzone has other items she could request be paid through this grant.
- Life Line will be stationed in the County both Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays of the Covered Bridge Festival.
- The next Ambulance breakfast is scheduled for November 24, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. All Council members are invited to attend.
- **Parke County Sheriff – Justin Cole**
  - The Report of Collection & Housing Numbers for the Jail were presented to the Council. Cole noted 2019 has the largest collections for out-of-county & Department of Correction inmates since 2010.
  - The Jail is short three jailers, a dispatcher and a deputy. The Sheriff is working on filling those vacancies.
- **Parke County Extension Office - Kurt Lanzone**
  - Lanzone introduced himself to the Council as the new Agricultural and Natural Resources Educator.
- **Parke County Clerk – Stacie Jeffries**
  - At the Election Board meeting it was decided to purchase the County's new voting machines from Microvote.
  - The Election Board worked on reducing voting locations from twelve down to nine. This is a step in converting the County to having only two voting locations.

**X. OLD BUSINESS:** No old business was presented to the Council.

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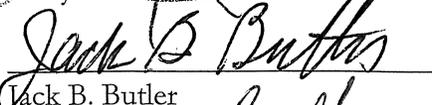
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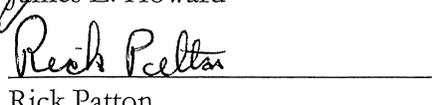
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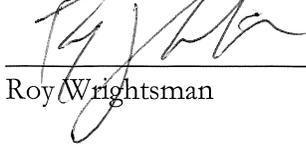
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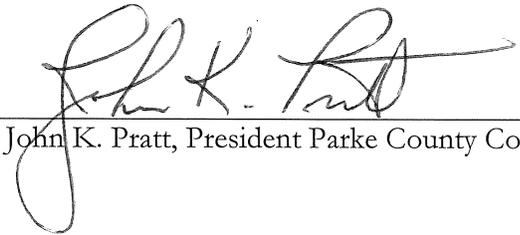
  
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**ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business to come before the Council, the motion to adjourn was made by Jack B. Butler and seconded by Thomas E. Stambaugh, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

  
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John K. Pratt, President Parke County Council

ATTEST:

  
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Rusty Ratcliff, Deputy Auditor 3