

COUNTY COUNCIL

March 14, 2019

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, March 14, 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; Jack B. Butler, Rick Patton, Roy Wrightsman, James E. Howard, Thomas E. Stambaugh, Laura J. Fischer; Auditor and Rusty Ratcliff; 3rd Deputy Auditor. Larry Gambaiani, Vice President was absent. Also present were Julie Lanzone, Rhonda Montgomery, Larry Bemis, Katie Potter, Kim Shorter, Mike Strack, Justin Cole & Randy Norman.
- III. READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on February 14, 2019 were approved upon a motion made by Roy Wrightsman and seconded by Jack B. Butler.
- IV. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:** The Council considered additional appropriation requests as published in the newspaper February 27, 2019. Council President John K. Pratt reviewed the appropriations from written requests submitted by Auditor, Laura J. Fischer. 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 2019, 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: Roy Wrightsman made a motion to approve the additional appropriation requests as advertised on February 27, 2019. The motion was seconded by Jack B. Butler and carried unanimously.

FUND/ DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
Motor Vehicle Highway		
Major Budget Classification/Maintenance & Repairs/Equipment Rental 1176-02-03-5011	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
Total for Motor Vehicle Highway	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00

- V. TRANSFER OF FUNDS:** The Council approved the request for the transfer of funds on a motion by Roy Wrightsman 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: \$200.00
From: RDC-Operations/Other Services & Charges/Service Contracts
1001-00-03-5080
To: RDC-Operations/Supplies/Operating Supplies
1001-00-02-3100

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- The West Central Solid Waste District Annual Report and the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission Meeting Minutes from the March 13, 2019 meeting were submitted for review.

VII. JURY PAY: The Auditor presented the Parke County Clerk's certification of jury fees collected for February 2019, and requested \$97.05 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 \$97.05 from the County Users Fund to the Jury Fee Fund. The motion was seconded by Rick Patton and unanimously carried.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Parke County Redevelopment Commission (RDC) – Roy Wrightsman
 - Did not meet.
 - Wrightsman updated the Council on the Broadband Initiative.
 - The Next Level Connections Grant is for areas of the State considered “not served.” The State has labeled most of Parke County as “served.” This could be disputed, however, the application will be due April 5, 2019 and the County will not have enough time or resources to gather the required data. Cyndi Todd and Wrightsman met with Joink, Mainstream and Bloomingdale Home Telephone to discuss the results. The companies did not feel it would be a good use of resource to pursue this phase of the grant.
 - The RDC is not pursuing this first phase, however, there are still remaining funds to be pursued.
 - Wrightsman read a thoughtful letter from Lisa Kneeland addressed to the Council. The letter shows appreciation for all the hard work being put into the Broadband Initiative.
- Parke County Planning and Zoning Commission - Jack B. Butler
 - Did not meet.
- Parke County Courthouse Security Committee – John K. Pratt
 - Did not meet.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- Parke County Assessor - Katie Potter
 - The Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA) report has been completed on the Gateway.
 - The Recorder, Assessor and Auditor's offices met with Simplifile in preparation to accept digital copies of deeds. The system will stream line the process of transferring property. The offices plan on going live May 1, 2019.
 - Provided the Council with a list of important dates:
 - 02/26/19 – the Mobile Home file was sent to Legislative Services Agency (LSA) & the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF).
 - 02/27/19 – the Ratio Study was sent to the DLGF.
 - 03/01/19 – the Ratio Study was approved by the DLGF & mobile homes were balanced with the Auditor's office.
 - 03/04/19 – the Mobile Home file was re-sent to LSA and the DLGF.
 - 03/05/19 – Form 11 file was sent to Worrell for processing.
 - 03/07/19 – 2019 pay 2020 real estate values rolled to the Auditor's office. The State has been notified.
 - 04/26/19 – Worrell will mail Form 11's to the taxpayers.
 - 06/17/19 – will be the final day to appeal valuations for the 2019 pay 2020 tax year.
- Parke County Treasurer – Kim Shorter
 - In the process of creating tax statements.

- Parke County Commissioner – Jim Meece
 - Discussed the poor condition of County Roads and the repairs being done to them.
 - Meece will be meeting with an individual who has knowledge on properly using Duraberm.
 - Discussed an issue near Marshall where a company is laying fiber cable and it may be encroaching on the County's ditches.
 - The Commissioners have reviewed the current census dates for employees eligible to receive a Health Savings Account (HSA) deposit. The census dates will be February 1st and August 1st.
- Parke County Highway Superintendent - Randy Norman
 - Discussed with the Council the additional appropriation request to increase the Equipment Rental line within the Highway fund.
 - Updated the Council on the process of repairing the County's roads.
- Parke County Ambulance Director – Julie Lanzone
 - Provided the Council with an updated financial statement for the Ambulance Service.
 - Went on record to declare the report on WTHI regarding the Ambulance refusing to transport a patient due to poor road conditions was false. Lanzone stated this scenario has never happened and never will. Lanzone made attempts via phone and e-mail to contact the reporter but was unable to reach her.
 - Med IV's warranty work has been completed and is currently in the paint shop. It should be back in service by Thursday.
 - Cottrell's Roofing has completed the new roof on the Ambulance Station.
 - The new counter tops have been order and are planned to be installed next week.
 - The generator has been scheduled for repairs.
 - Invited the Council members to attend the Ambulance Service breakfast scheduled for March 17, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.
 - Meece acknowledged the hard work Lanzone put into renewing the County's ability to bill Medicare.
- Parke County Sheriff - Justin Cole
 - Provided the Council with the year-to-date numbers for the Jail.
 - Informed the Council of some potential Department of Correction (DoC) billing changes. The DoC is contemplating increasing the amount paid to counties for housing DoC inmates, however, they are also considering making payments to the counties only once a year.
 - Cole is in the process of acquiring estimates for replacing the Jail's Security Control System. No numbers are ready to be provided at this time, however, Cole did confirm leasing the equipment is an option.
 - There has been no communications regarding whether or not the County has been awarded the USDA grant to purchase new cars.
 - Darian Lewellen has been hired on as a new Sheriff's Deputy.
 - The Sheriff still has openings for a dispatcher, jail officer and maintenance person.
- Parke County Auditor – Laura J. Fischer
 - The additional appropriation requests from 2019 have not been submitted to the State for approval at this time.
 - Currently working on the Abstract.
 - The Annual Report has been submitted to the State.
- The Council was presented with **Parke County Ordinance 2019-04** for their consideration. The ordinance establishes the Virtual Education Grant Fund. The fund will be used to deposit money paid to the Parke County Sheriff's Department from the Indiana Virtual Education Foundation, Inc. per an agreement between the two. Jack B. Butler made a motion to pass **Parke County**

Ordinance 2019-04, Same Day, Same Meeting and Parke County Ordinance 2019-04.

Thomas E. Stambaugh seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

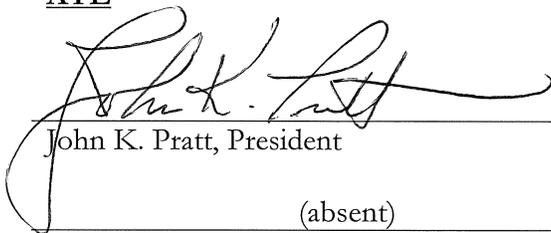
- The Council was presented with **Parke County Ordinance 2019-05** for their consideration. The ordinance establishes the Parke County Sheriff's Department Forfeited Assets Fund. The purpose of this ordinance is to establish a fund into which all monies realized by Parke County pursuant to Indiana Code 34-24-1-4(d)(3)(C)(ii), which were seized by the Parke County Sheriff's Department, shall be placed into this fund to be utilized by the Parke County Sheriff's Department for the law enforcement purposes. The Council may approve for use monies deposited into this fund upon petition by the Parke County Sheriff. Jack B. Butler made a motion to pass **Parke County Ordinance 2019-05, Same Day, Same Meeting and Parke County Ordinance 2019-05.**

Thomas E. Stambaugh seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

X. OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business was presented for consideration.

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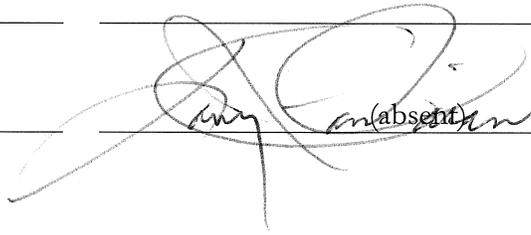
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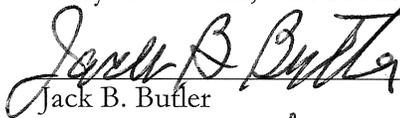
John K. Pratt, President

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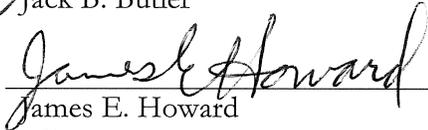
Larry Gambaiani, Vice President



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Jack B. Butler

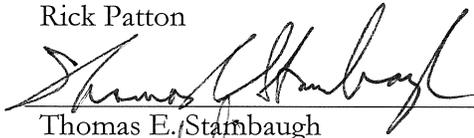


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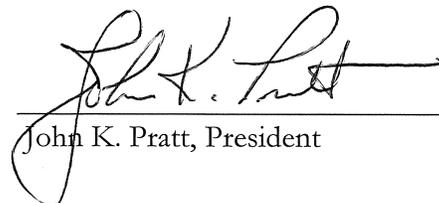
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Roy Wrightsman

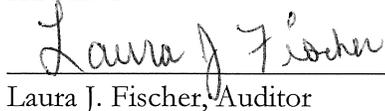
Roy Wrightsman

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 9:49 a.m.



John K. Pratt, President

ATTEST:



Laura J. Fischer, Auditor

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