

COUNTY COUNCIL

April 11, 2019

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, April 11, 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, Rick Patton, Thomas E. Stambaugh, Roy Wrightsman; Laura J. Fischer, Auditor and Rhonda Montgomery, Deputy Auditor. Also present were Christie Jacobs, Katie Potter, Mike Strack, Stacie Jeffries, Justin Cole, Amy Hensley and Randy Norman.

- III. **READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on March 14, 2019 were approved upon a motion made by Roy Wrightsman and seconded by Thomas E. Stambaugh.

- IV. **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:** The Council considered additional appropriation requests as published in the newspaper March 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: Jim Howard made a motion to approve the additional appropriation requests as advertised on March 27, 2019. The motion was seconded by Larry Gambaiani and carried unanimously.

FUND/ DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
Statewide 911		
Major Budget Classification/Personal Services/PT Dispatchers	7,800.00	7,800.00
1222-00-01-1115	7,800.00	7,800.00
Total for Statewide 911		

Amy Hensley, Director of the Statewide 911 explained the need and justification for the additional appropriation of the part-time dispatcher position. Hensley reported the difficulty in coverage of dispatchers for accrued time off and any training classes.

- V. **TRANSFER OF FUNDS:** The Council approved the request for the transfer of funds on a motion by Roy Wrightsman and seconded by Thomas E. Stambaugh. The following resolution was adopted.

TRANSFERS

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

Amount: **\$2,091.00**
From: 1000-15-03-6011
General/Commissioners/Fair Insurance Premiums
To: 1000-16-03-5050
General/Ambulance Service/Building Maintenance

Amount: **\$4,500.00**

From: 1000-15-03-5110
General/Commissioners/Liability Insurance
To: 1000-16-03-5050
General/Ambulance Service/Building Maintenance

Amount: **\$1,445.52**
From: 1000-03-02-3010
General/Auditor/Office Supplies
To: 1000-03-03-5020
General/Auditor/Travel and Training

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- Request was made by the Auditor's office to reduce line item 1000-14-01-1210 in the General Fund under the Circuit Court budget by \$37.92 (General Ledger), to make the books balance. This is a result of a two-year old uncashed check that was voided. Auditor explains how they came up with the \$37.92. Councilman Wrightsman indicated that a line item reduction is not required in the 2019 budget because a 2016 check wasn't cashed, it is just unexpended funds. The issue was tabled for further review and more information.

VII. JURY PAY: The Auditor presented the Parke County Clerk's certification of jury fees collected for February 2019, in the amount of \$98.17. James E. Howard made the motion to approve the jury pay in the amount of \$98.17. The motion was seconded by Rick Patton and unanimously carried.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Redevelopment Commission (RDC) – Did not meet.
- Planning and Zoning Commission
 - Councilman Butler reported on the rezoning of 30 plats in Diamond, from residential back to agricultural.
- Courthouse Security – Did not meet.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Katie Potter, Assessor:**
 - Getting ready for 2nd phase of reassessment.
- **Julie Lanzone, Ambulance:**
 - No accounts will go to collections this month. Lanzone expects April collections to be slower due to Medicare problem.
 - Ambulance submitted monthly report of collections.
 - Currently the 2019 collections are \$93,986.12 above the 2018 collections.
 - Med IV is back in service. The counter tops have been installed and the generator repairs are complete.
 - The next Ambulance breakfast is schedule for May 19th 2019 at 9:00 a.m.
- **Stacie Jeffries, Clerk:**
 - Commission on Public Records met on Friday to review the destruction of records request. The request has been submitted to the state and the shredding truck will be scheduled after the 60-day waiting period.
 - The Clerk's office is negotiating with vendors for the 2020 election equipment.
- **Christie Jacobs, County Extension Office:**
 - Jacobs gave Council an update on the County Director position.
 - The Ag and Natural Resource Educator position was posted 6 months ago.
 - A Program Assistant position has also been posted and that position will be funded through the Purdue Extension.

- 4-H enrollment is up by 25 participants over last year.
 - Conservation Day was held recently at Rockville Lake with 140 fifth-graders participating.
 - Ag Day is upcoming with the fourth graders participating.
 - The County Extension Office is hosting the Livestock Judging Career Development event for the FFA members.
- **Justin Cole, Sheriff:**
 - USDA Grant came in the amount of \$53,900 to buy Ford Explorers and a minivan for the jail, with a total cost of \$178,900.
 - Cole proposes an auction at the jail of about 8 vehicles.
 - Would like to keep a couple cars for spares.
 - Would like to buy two more vehicles using the \$28,000 from Federal forfeitures money from drug seizures, plus commissary money. Looking at lease/purchase option from Dodge & Chevy. You can do a 3-5 year lease and get your vehicle at end of lease period for \$1.00.
 - Council supports Cole's activities on the cars.
 - Cole is requesting quotes to build a 40x60ft. Pole barn at the jail. The storage is needed to clear the sally port. Construction will include an overhead door, gable slider, entry door and gravel floor, maybe run power to it, but no heat, no air, and no windows.
 - County Highway Department to assist with ground work.
 - Council is in favor of the 40x60ft building and gave Cole permission to move forward.
 - Billed out \$34,000 last month for DOC and out-of-county inmates, so far \$160,500 for the year.
 - Received two quotes on the jail security system.
- **Randy Norman, Highway Department:**
 - Looking at options on the grader hour's count. May trade in early. Can purchase 500 additional hours at \$6,200.
 - Making progress on the roads, gravel and blacktop.
 - Highway Department will cut back on the brush cutting.
 - Norman met with Parke County Auditor, Fischer to review the splitting of funds between Funds 1176 & 1173, under the requirements of the new legislation.
 - Fischer reports that most counties are splitting the revenue as it comes in.
 - Highway Department will reapply for the Community Crossing Grant in July 2019.
- **Resolution 2019-06:**
 - Wrightsman reports that **Resolution 2019-06** is a non-binding resolution, designating Parke County as an Infrastructure Development Zone, which is part of the Broadband initiative. The statute allows for an exemption of personal property taxation for infrastructure, in support of internet service to residents and businesses of the county. The County should receive a 100% abatement in perpetuity.
 - This allows for streamlining of the process to being able to incentivize providers to invest in our county instead of using tax dollars to pay for it. If they don't invest in the county, that's an abatement in itself. The Commissioners are moving forward on this but would like to have the Council's support.
 - Wrightsman made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2019-06**. Jack Butler seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- **Vantage Point Study:**
 - The next to final draft of the Vantage Point study was received. The final draft is due by the end of the week. The committee will meet on May 16, 2019 to review and deliver recommendations of the commission and determine how to move forward on projects that are being discussed.

X. OLD BUSINESS: None presented.

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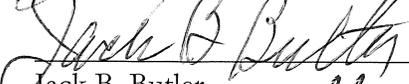
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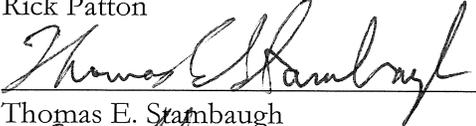
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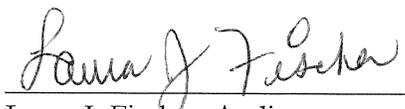


Roy Wrightsman

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business to come before the Council, the motion to adjourn was made by Jack B. Butler and seconded by Roy Wrightsman, the meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

John K. Pratt, President

ATTEST:



Laura J. Fischer, Auditor