

COUNTY COUNCIL
May 09, 2019

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, May 09, 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 Rusty Ratcliff, 3rd Deputy Auditor. Also present were Katie Potter, Larry Bemis, Rhonda Montgomery, Julie Lanzone, Mike Strack, Jim Meece, Justin Cole, Jason Frazier, Brad McNeill, Steve Cvengros, Randy Norman and Jerry Mullis Jr.

- III. **READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on April 11, 2019 were tabled due to the late submission leaving the Council with little time to review the minutes.

- IV. **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:** The Council considered additional appropriation requests as published in the newspaper on April 24, 2019. Council President John K. Pratt reviewed the appropriations from written requests submitted by Auditor, Laura J. Fischer. Fischer informed the Council of the invoice which initially prompted the need for the additional appropriation has since been voided by the company. Roy Wrightsman made a motion to deny the additional appropriation request as advertised on April 24, 2019, Jack B. Butler seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

FUND/ DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
Courthouse Construction Fund		
Major Budget Classification/Other Services & Charges/Service		
Contracts-Mansard Roof	450.00	0.00
Total for Courthouse Construction Fund	450.00	0.00

- 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 request for transfer:

Amount: \$5,000.00
 From: 1219-00-01-2300
 Parks and Rec/Personal Services/Insurance
 To: 1219-00-03-5050
 Parks and Rec/Other Services & Charges/Building Maintenance

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- No monthly reports were submitted for the Council’s review.
- The Council was informed the State Board of Accounts began the County’s audit on May 06, 2019. Years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 are scheduled to be included with this audit.

- Judge Sam A. Swaim submitted a memorandum to inform the Council of Nichole Crum being appointed to the Rockville Lake Park Board. Crum will replace Robert (Bob) Jones.

VII. **JURY PAY:** No Jury Pay was submitted to the Council for approval.

VIII. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Redevelopment Commission (RDC) – Roy Wrightsman**
 - Has begun the process of dissolving the East Central TIF district. The district should be dissolved before the end of 2019.
 - Approved the Economic Development plan which was funded by the OCRA grant and the Broadband Feasibility Plan. The Broadband Feasibility Plan can be viewed on Partnership Parke County website.
- **Planning and Zoning Commission – Jack B. Butler**
 - Did not meet.
- **Courthouse Security – John K. Pratt**
 - Did not meet.

IX. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Parke County Deputy Sheriff Brad McNeill:**
 - Updated the Council on the problem of radio communication at the County schools. After testing, it has been determined the most inexpensive solution would be to go with a 700 MHz system that simulcasts to an 800 MHz system. Using an antenna in the central part of the school coupled with additional radios will allow the officer's radios to get a signal out of the schools. This system would cost approximately \$11,000.00 per school, resulting in a total cost of somewhere between \$60,000.00 and \$70,000.00. Each school can individually apply for grants to fund the radio project, however, the grant requires a 25% match.
 - Prosecutor Steve Cvengros was contacted to see if he would have funds available to assist with the 25% match on the grant for the school radio project. Cvengros is willing to contribute money toward the project using the Pre-Trial Diversion Fund. Cvengros is uncertain if he would be able to cover the entire 25% for all schools but he does wish to offer what assistance he can. The Council gave their consent to Cvengros to use the Pre-Trial Diversion Fund to assist with the 25% match on the grant. It will be up to Cvengros to decide if he can fund the 25% in its entirety or if he can only cover a portion.
- **Parke County Assessor Katie Potter:**
 - Form 11's were mailed out on April 26, 2019. The forms were sent out prior to the May 1st deadline giving taxpayers until June 17, 2019 to file their 2019 assessment appeals. If the forms had been sent out after May 1st taxpayers would have had until 2020 to file appeals.
 - Personal Property forms are due to the Assessor's office on May 15, 2019. A \$25.00 late fee will be applied to forms submitted after May 15, 2019.
 - Re-assessment is currently underway in the Town of Rockville. Adams and Jackson Townships are planned to be completed in 2019.
- **Parke County Ambulance Director Julie Lanzone:**
 - The Ambulance Service is experiencing a higher than normal run volume.
 - The Ambulance Service is projecting to collect over \$550,000.00 in revenue for 2019, a noticeable increase over 2018.
 - The fan belt on Med 3 broke, however, it has since been repaired and is back in service.
 - Med 1 was struck by a deer. The truck is useable but out-of-service for cosmetic reasons. They are waiting on the insurance company to do the assessment.

- As part of the new public outreach campaign, the Ambulance Service will be participating in the Teddy Bear Clinic held at Union Hospital Clinton (UHC) on May 15, 2019.
- UHC will be recognizing one of the County's EMT's on May 20th at 11:30 a.m. as a community hero. Everyone is invited to attend
- The Council Members are invited to attend the next Ambulance Service breakfast on May 19, 2019.
- **Parke County Commissioners Jim Meece:**
 - Vectren has inspected the generator at the Ambulance Service and has tagged it for exposed gas lines. The generator currently can not be used. Meece feels the responsibility to rectify this falls on either the contractor for not installing the unit to code or the architect.
 - The County's roads continue to break down, including roads repaired in the last several weeks. The Commissioners wish to establish truck routes in an attempt to limit the damage of County roads. Signage will be required to enforce the truck routes.
 - So far, the Duraberm has held up on the roads and appears to be a promising component for stabilizing the County roads.
 - A group of Amish taxpayers has reached out to the Commissioners regarding the County's Buggy License. The group is wishing to work with the County to ensure full collection of the licenses at a fair price.
 - The Custodian sent the Courthouse mower to be serviced. Unfortunately, the company used was back logged and took a few weeks to complete the mower. This resulted in the Custodian needing to pay an outside company to mow the lawn two or three times. John K. Pratt felt the mower should have been sent earlier in the year, prior to the mowing season.
 - Informed the Council of an anticipated donation coming to the County. The donation money would be used to restore the fountain which once stood on the north lawn. The County still has the fountain in storage.
- **Parke County Sheriff Justin Cole:**
 - Provided the Council with his Report of Collections.
 - There is a third company working on a quote for the replacement of the Jail's automated system. Cole anticipates having the third quote for the Council at their next meeting.
 - G & F Construction was selected for the building of the Jail's new pole barn. The larger pole barn was chosen.
 - There have been some unexpected repair costs. The sheriff replaced a refrigerator unit at a cost of \$6500.00 and repairs were done to an air conditioning unit for \$300.00. The Jail's kitchen was having some drainage issues. They ran jets through the drains and it appears to have fixed the problem.
- **Parke County Highway Supervisor Randy Norman:**
 - Provided the Council with a list of roads to be repaired in the summer of 2019. These roads are in addition to the roads submitted to the Council earlier in the year.
 - Is preparing for the next cycle of the grant application coming up in July.
 - After spending money on the hauling of the Duraberm by outside vendors, the Highway's Equipment Rental line is short by approximately \$11,000.00. There was also originally \$40,000.00 budgeted into the line for the renting of a roller. The Council will do some research and see where money could come from to rebuild the funds in the line.
 - Norman has looked at the slab on 100 N near the Sanatorium Bridge. The slab does need repairs, but none have been done at this time.
 - The Council also discussed some roads with Norman in the Southern part of the County in need of attention. The roads did not contain multitudes of pot holes, however, the pot holes they do have are deep. Norman said he would send some hand patching crews to the areas.
 - Norman has had e-mail communications with Todd Crane regarding screening gravel on his property at a cost of \$1.50 per ton. The County will be responsible for keeping up its mine training.

- The Clerk will need to obtain revised quotes for the new voting machines. It has been confirmed a physical paper will be still be required.
- Roy Wrightsman explained the importance of accurately completing the encumbrances on time and how inaccurate information could negatively affect the following year's budget.

X. OLD BUSINESS: None presented.

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 John K. Pratt, President



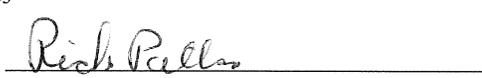
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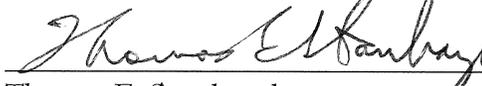
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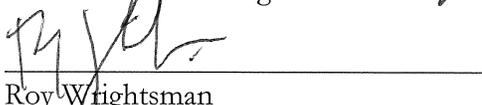
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 Thomas E. Stambaugh



 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 James E. Howard, the meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

 John K. Pratt, President

ATTEST:



 Laura J. Fischer, Auditor