

**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**August 08, 2019**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, August 08, 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 Fischer, 1st Deputy Auditor, Auditor and Rusty Ratcliff, 3rd Deputy Auditor. Also present were Katie Potter, Larry Bemis, Julie Lanzone, Rhonda Montgomery, Mary Alice Gregg, Justin Cole, Ed Roach, Amy Hensley & Donna McVay.
- III. READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on July 11, 2019 were approved upon a motion made by Roy Wrightsman and seconded by Thomas E. Stambaugh. The motion carried.
- IV. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:** The Council considered additional appropriation requests as published in the newspaper July 24th, 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: Jack B. Butler made a motion to approve the additional appropriation requests as advertised on July 24th, 2019. The motion was seconded by Larry Gambaiani and carried unanimously.

<b>FUND/ DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>AMOUNT APPROVED</b>
<b>EDIT Fund</b>		
Major Budget Classification/Other Services & Charges/Equipment Rental 1112-00-03-5011	50,000.00	50,000.00
<b>EDIT Fund Total</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>
<b>RDC West Central Parke TIF Fund</b>		
Major Budget Classification/Other Services & Charges/Service Contracts 4500-00-03-5080	58,000.00	58,000.00
<b>RDC West Central Parke TIF Fund Total</b>	<b>58,000.00</b>	<b>58,000.00</b>
<b>20.703 Emer Plan &amp; Rgt to Know</b>		
Major Budget Classification/Other Services & Charges/Service Contracts 1152-00-03-5080	2,500.00	2,500.00
<b>20.703 Emer Plan &amp; Rgt to Know Fund Total</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>	<b>2,500.00</b>
<b>Riverboat Fund</b>		
Major Budget Classification/Capital Outlays/Equipment- Ambulance 1191-00-04-7021	17,936.00	17,936.00
<b>Riverboat Fund Total</b>	<b>17,936.00</b>	<b>17,936.00</b>

- 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 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: \$ 141.84  
From: 2150-00-03-3010  
Supplemental Juvenile Probation/Other Services & Charges/Travel & Training  
To: 2150-00-02-5020  
Supplemental Juvenile Probation/Supplies/Office Supplies  
Amount: \$ 5.32  
From: 1000-03-03-5020  
General/Auditor/Other Services & Charges/Travel & Training  
To: 1000-03-02-3020  
General/Auditor/Supplies/Postage

### VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- The Council was presented with the 2020 Parke County Max Levy and Circuit Breaker Summary for review. The Council has no recommendations.

**VII. JURY PAY:** The Auditor presented the Parke County Clerk's certification of jury fees collected for June 2019 in the amount of \$117.71 and for July in the amount of \$122.18, and requested the sum of \$239.89 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 \$239.89 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
  - The motion passed to abolish the East Central Parke TIF district. This was the second to last step in the process. The Commissioners completed the process in their August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting and the district will no longer exist beginning in 2020.
  - Cyndi Todd has made contact with the owner of the ex-Shopko building on Highway 41. Todd explained the desire to place a lift station on the property as part of the Rockville Sewer Project. The owner appears to be receptive to the idea.
- Planning and Zoning Commission – Jack B. Butler
  - No meeting was held.
- Local Emergency Planning Council (L.E.P.C.) – Thomas E. Stambaugh
  - Amy Hensley held a Sulfuric Acid exercise which was well attended.
- Courthouse Security Committee – John K. Pratt
  - The next meeting will be held on August 14, 2019.

### IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Parke County Emergency Management Director – Amy Hensley**
  - The County is waiting to receive \$1,690.77 in reimbursements for the Homeland Security Grant. This is the final amount to be reimbursed on the grant.
  - Homeland Security has de-obligated money from 2016. The money will be used for non-match grants and the County had five (5) days to apply for the money. The grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Hensley has applied for three (3) grants totaling \$210,000.00. One grant is \$138,000.00 for body scanners, one is \$45,000.00 for an

EMA vehicle and one is \$27,000.00 for night vision goggles and gumby suits. Should the County be awarded the money, Hensley will need to request loans from the County. The grants are supposed be closed out by mid-November so the turn around should be quick.

- **Parke County Assessor – Katie Potter**

- The case filed with the Indiana Board of Tax Review (IBTR) regarding the taxation of flow easements on Cecil M. Harden Lake (Raccoon Lake) has been dismissed. The taxpayer will have until August 12, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. to file an appeal with the Indiana Tax Court. The attorney hired by the Assessor to represent the County, Marilyn Meighen, will submit the bill for her services after August 12th as long as the taxpayer does not file an appeal with the Indiana Tax Court.
- The taxpayer filed Form 136 with the Assessor's office and the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals denied the submission. The taxpayer contacted the Assessment Director for the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF), Barry Wood, regarding the verdict. Wood provided the taxpayer the Indiana Code and verified she did not qualify for the exemption.
- The informal appeal hearings for the 19 pay 20 tax cycle will be held on December 16, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.
- Reassessment for the Town of Rockville should be completed with in the next two (2) weeks. Jackson Township is half way completed and Adams Township remains to be done for this cycle. The three (3) units should be done by the May deadline.

- **Parke County Sheriff – Justin Cole**

- Cole provided the current inmate housing numbers and the Jail's year-to-date billing numbers.
- The Commissioners gave permission for the Sheriff to hold an auction to sell seven (7) surplus used vehicles and three (3) used ATV's. Cole would like to have the auction in August, but no later than mid-September.

- **Parke County Ambulance Director – Julie Lanzone**

- The Ambulance Service's 2019 collections are still ahead of 2018.
- Med 1, which was out of service having its wiring replaced, was picked up on August 2nd, however, the fuel pump has since gone out. Med 2, which experienced the same electrical problems as Med 1, is now having its wiring replaced. The re-wiring on Med 2 is expected to take less than three (3) weeks.
- The next Ambulance Service breakfast will be on September 22, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. All Council members are welcomed to attend.

- **Parke County Recorder – Mary Alice Gregg**

- Gregg wished to make the Council aware of inaccuracies on the County's GIS map. Certain property lines are shifted in a way which makes it look like property owners own portions of their neighbors buildings. Justin Cole was able to confirm these inaccuracies have caused property line disputes which required the involvement of the Sheriff's department. Katie Potter reminded the Council, there is a disclaimer on the site stating the lines are not always accurate. Potter further stated when her office has discovered issues on the map, the Plat office has been able to correct the errors. Gregg said she notified the Plat office of lines needing corrected, but did not receive any satisfaction in getting them corrected. The Council agreed the map should be accurate as possible, unfortunately, inaccuracies are inevitable but they should be corrected when found.

- **Parke County Coroner – Donna McVay**

- The Coroner's office has had a notable increase in deaths within the County from prior years, however, the frequency of deaths has slowed down recently.

- There has been a billing issue with Regional Hospital from 2018. The Hospital applied a payment made by the Sheriff to the Coroner's account. McVay is working on straightening it out.
- McVay also attended on behalf of the Parke County Chamber of Commerce to observe the meeting.
- On August 7, 2019 the advertisement ran for **Ordinance 2019-15**. The ordinance modifies the local income tax rates for Parke County. The overall rate remains at 2.65%, however, the portion for Certified Shares was lowered from 1.65% to 1.56% (a decrease of 0.09%) and the portion for Economic Development was raised from 0.25% to 0.34% (an increase of 0.09%). A new Capital Improvement Plan will need to be passed by the Commissioners, which they plan to do in September. The Council will vote on Ordinance 2019-15 in their September meeting.
- The Veteran's Affairs (VA) office has applied for a grant from REMC for the purchase of a new computer. Larry Gambaiani made a motion for the VA office to proceed with attempting to obtain the grant. Thomas E. Stambaugh seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- John K. Pratt inquired with the Auditor, Laura J. Fischer, if the Certified Net Assessed Values (CNAV) were completed and submitted to the State. Fischer informed the Council she planned to have the CNAV's completed by the end of the day. Pratt reminded her the CNAV's were supposed to have been completed by August 1, 2019. Pratt stated the Council understands it is Fischer's first year in office, however, it is imperative deadlines are met. The County must meet all deadlines. Fischer acknowledged her understanding of the situation and confirmed she would have the CNAV's completed by the end of the day.
- The County's 2020 Budget Hearings are scheduled for August 15, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. and August 16, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. The hearings will be held at the Courthouse in Room 106.

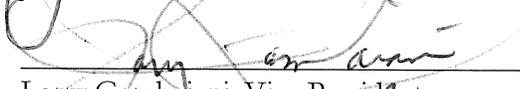
**X. OLD BUSINESS:** No old business was presented to the Council.

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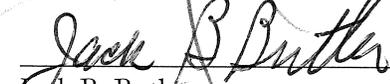
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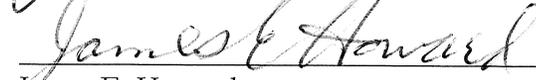
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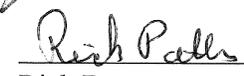
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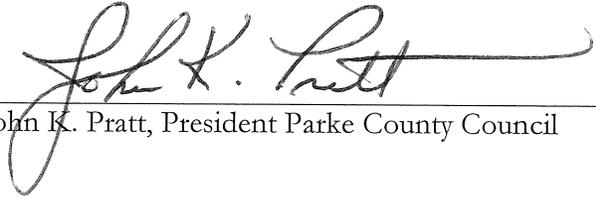
  
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**ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business to come before the Council, the motion to adjourn was made by Jack B. Butler and seconded by Thomas E. Stambaugh, the meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.



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John K. Pratt, President Parke County Council

ATTEST:



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Laura J. Fischer, Auditor