

COUNTY COUNCIL

March 12th, 2015

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, March 12th, 2015 to consider additional requests in excess of the Budget allowed for 2015, 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; Rick Patton, Jim Howard, Roy Wrightsman, Jack B. Butler, Thomas E. Stambaugh, Pam Adams; Auditor and Kim Casey; 3rd Deputy Auditor. Also present were Justin Cole, Diana Hazlett, Scott Craig, Brad Fritz, Larry Bemis, and Mike Strack.
- III. READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on February 12th, 2015 were approved upon a motion made by Jack B. Butler and seconded by Thomas E. Stambaugh.
- IV. TRANSFER OF FUNDS:** None
- V. OTHER BUSINESS:** The Council took the following actions:
- Reviewed the February 2015 Auditor's Monthly Financial Statement, Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission report, Redevelopment Commission and proposed abatement overview.
- VI. JURY PAY:** The Auditor presented the Parke County Clerk's certification of jury fees collected for February 2015, and requested \$120.98 be transferred into the Jury Pay Fund, pursuant to IC 33-19-8-8. Rick Patton made the motion to direct the Auditor to transfer the jury fees collected in the amount of \$120.98 from the County Users Fund to the Jury Fee Fund. The motion was seconded by Jim Howard and unanimously carried.
- VII. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:** The Council considered additional appropriation requests as published in the newspaper February 25th, 2015. President John K. Pratt reviewed the appropriations from written requests submitted by Auditor, Pam Adams. 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 2015, 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 appropriations advertised February 25th, 2015; the motion was seconded by Rick Patton and carried unanimously.

FUND/ DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
97.042 Competitive Performance Grant Fund		
Major Budget Classification / Capital Outlay / Equipment		
8101-00-04-7020	\$ 8,485.29	\$ 8,485.29
Total for 97.042 Competitive Performance Grant Fund	\$ 8,485.29	\$ 8,485.29
97.073 Sheriff's Radio IDHS Grant		
Major Budget Classification / Other Services & Charges / Service		
Contracts 8115-00-04-7020	\$ 19,999.93	\$ 19,999.93
Total for 97.073 Sheriff's Radio IDHS Grant Fund	\$ 19,999.93	\$ 19,999.93
16.738 Technology & Information Upgrade Grant Fund		
Major Budget Classification / Other Services & Charges / Service		
Contracts 8113-00-03-5080	\$ 2,034.20	\$ 2,034.20
Major Budget Classification / Capital Outlay / Equipment		
8113-00-04-7020	\$ 44,965.80	\$ 44,965.80
Total for 16.738 Technology & Information Upgrade Fund	\$ 47,000.00	\$ 47,000.00

Courthouse Clock Tower Construction Fund

Major Budget Classification / Other Services & Charges / Service Contracts 4800-00-03-5080	\$1,698,500.00	\$1,698,500.00
Total for Courthouse Clock Tower Construction Fund	\$1,698,500.00	\$1,698,500.00

Auditor's Ineligible Homestead Deduction Fund

Major Budget Classification / Other Services & Charges / Service Contracts 1216-00-03-5080	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00
Major Budget Classification / Capital Outlay / Equipment 1216-00-04-7020	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Total for Auditor's Ineligible Homestead Deduction Fund	\$ 4,250.00	\$ 4,250.00

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- Parke County Sheriff Justin Cole reports:
 - The jail count is 40 with 32 County, 6 DOC and 2 out of county holds.
 - Recalled sprinkler heads have been replaced. Some of the new video cameras have been installed. The video arraignment equipment received was incorrect and shipped back; the correct equipment is expected to ship soon.
 - Mental health services for inmates are not currently required by law. Justin expressed the need for this service to the inmates. Advanced Correctional Care provided a quote of \$5,000.00 annually for mental health services, which would include 24 hour phone support, and 2 hours on site per week. John Pratt suggested this amount be requested for the 2016 budget.
 - Parke County Sheriff's Department may begin charging the State for level 6 inmates.
- Diana Hazlett updated the Council on the medical insurance information she had been investigating.
 - Roughly \$400,000.00 has been spent on medical expenses in 2015 to date. This includes the \$176,800.00 in contributions to employee Health Savings Accounts, monthly payments in the amount of \$7,920.00 to the Wellness Clinic, with the remainder of the expenses being paid out for monthly bills and claims.
 - Diana will continue to track medical insurance expenses and report to the Council again next month.
- Hazlett reminded the Council they are all invited to the Lincoln Day Dinner this Saturday, March 14th, 2015.
- Roy Wrightsman informed the Council the next Economic Redevelopment Commission meeting will be held the end of March.
- J.B. Butler reports there is a new gun/repair shop on Bridgeton Road, just past New Discovery Road.
- Larry Gambaiani briefed the Council on his recent meeting for Rockville Economic Development Commission:
 - Development Commission is currently working on developing a Comprehensive Plan.
 - Park and Recreation advertised for bids for the pool. Bids will be accepted on March 19th, 2015 for the pool (only). Enough money has been raised to cover the expense of the pool, but not for the slide they would like to put in.
 - The Town of Rockville purchased the VFW building located on US 41 with plans to demolish the building and create a memory garden.
 - House Bill 1044, which would allow a food and beverage tax for Rockville is currently in the Senate.
- John Pratt spoke to the Council concerning the deteriorating condition of the control modules for the HVAC system in the Courthouse. Irish Mechanical Services, Inc. provided a proposal to replace the existing system with a cost of \$52,000.00. The Council discussed how the project would be funded. If CEDIT funds are to be used, the Council would have to request the Commissioners amend the Capital Improvement Plan to include the HVAC project. In addition, the chiller in the attic which controls the air conditioning is damaged. This is due to the damper not closing, allowing sub-zero temperatures into the attic. The cost to replace the chiller is approximately \$16,000.00. Commissioner Jim Meece is hopeful the expense will be covered by insurance.
- Auditor Pam Adams provided the Council with information from the DNR – Review US Hwy 36 Bridge over Wabash River.

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

- Larry Gambaiani provided the information he gathered regarding potential candidates to provide supplemental legal counsel for Tax Abatement, TIF District and Redevelopment issues. Roy Wrightsman made a motion to elect Attorney Robert Clutter as supplemental attorney on an hourly, as needed basis, for the County Council. Thomas E. Stambaugh seconded the motion contingent upon Council review at the beginning of 2016, and it carried unanimously. Larry Gambaiani indicated he would contact all candidates to inform them of the Council's decision.

Scott Craig presented **Resolution 2015-03** for the Council's consideration. The Resolution **Confirms the Designation of an Economic Revitalization Area for the Purpose of a Personal Property Tax Abatement.**

Larry Gambaiani made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-03. The motion was seconded by Rick Patton carried unanimously.

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John K. Pratt, President

Larry Gambaiani, Vice President

Jack B. Butler

Jim Howard

Rick Patton

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 Larry Gambaiani, the meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

John K. Pratt, President

ATTEST:

Pam Adams, Auditor