

COUNTY COUNCIL

June 9, 2016

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday June 9, 2016 to consider additional requests in excess of the Budget allowed for 2016, 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; Roy Wrightsman, Jack B. Butler, Jim Howard, Thomas E. Stambaugh, Pam Adams; Auditor and Rusty Ratcliff; 3rd Deputy Auditor. Rick Patton was absent. Also present were Jim Meece, Justin Cole, Jim Luzar, Cyndi Todd, Amy Newlin, Mary Jo Harkrider, Terry Hensley, Debbie Barnett, Dylan Barnett and Randy Norman.
- III. READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on May 12, 2016 were approved upon a motion made by Thomas Stambaugh and seconded by Jack B. Butler.
- IV. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:** The Council considered additional appropriation requests as published in the newspaper May 25, 2016. Council 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 2016, 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 Covered Bridge Fund, County Highway Fund and IPAC Drug Prosecution Fund additional appropriations as advertised on May 25, 2016 and the motion was seconded by Jim Howard and carried unanimously.

FUND/ DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
Covered Bridge Fund		
Major Budget Classification / Other Services & Charges / Covered Bridge Parts 1134-00-03-5150	100,000.00	100,000.00
Total for Covered Bridge Fund	100,000.00	100,000.00
County Highway Fund		
Major Budget Classification / Repairs & Maintenance / Supplies / Bituminous Material 1176-02-02-3111	17,884.77	17,884.77
Total for Covered Bridge Fund	17,884.77	17,884.77
IPAC Drug Prosecution Fund		
Major Budget Classification / Capital Outlays / Equipment 9142-00-04-7020	1,834.55	1,834.55
Total for IPAC Drug Prosecution Fund	1,834.55	1,834.55

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Jack B. Butler

James E. Howard

Rick Patton (absent)

(absent)

Thomas E. Stambaugh

Roy Wrightsman

Larry Gambaiani made a motion to approve the RDC Operations Fund additional appropriation as advertised on May 25, 2016 and the motion was seconded by Jim Howard. The motion carried with four votes in favor, one vote opposed and one member abstained.

FUND/ DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
RDC Operations Fund		
Major Budget Classification / Other Services & Charges / Local		
Match 1001-00-03-5082	27,984.00	27,984.00
Total for RDC Operations Fund	27,984.00	27,984.00

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(abstained)

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Jack B. Butler

James E. Howard

(absent)

Rick Patton

Thomas E. Stambaugh

(abstained)

(absent)

Roy Wrightsman

V. TRANSFER OF FUNDS: The Council approved the request for the transfer of funds on a motion by Roy Wrightsman and seconded by Larry Gambaiani. The following resolution was adopted.

TRANSFERS

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

- Amount: \$1500.00
- From: 1000-04-03-5080
General Fund / Treasurer / Other Services & Charges / Service Contracts
- To: 1000-04-01-1501
General Fund / Treasurer / Personal Services / Extra Clerical
- Amount: \$2,500.00
- From: 1138-00-02-3101
CCD / Supplies / Operating Supplies Sheriff
- To: 1138-00-03-5044
CCD / Other Services and Charges / Uniform Equipment Maintenance
- Amount: \$2,000.00
- From: 1138-00-02-3102
CCD / Supplies / Operating Supplies Jail
- To: 1138-00-03-6014
CCD / Other Services & Charges / Building and Grounds CCD
- Amount: \$2,000.00
- From: 1148-00-03-6053
Drug Free Community / Other Services & Charges / Discretionary – Contractual Services
- To: 1148-00-02-3010
Drug Free Community / Supplies / Office Supplies

VI. OTHER BUSINESS: The Council took the following actions:

- HCC Insurance, in the amount of \$3,210.15 to account 1170-00-03-5061, Public Safety/ Other Services and Charges/ Vehicle Maintenance.
- Reviewed the County monthly financial statement for May 2016.

VII. JURY PAY: The Auditor presented the Parke County Clerk's certification of jury fees collected for May 2016, and requested \$84.00 be transferred into the Jury Pay Fund, pursuant to IC 33-19-8-8. Jack B. Butler made the motion to direct the Auditor to transfer the jury fees collected in the amount of \$84.00 from the County Users Fund to the Jury Fee Fund. The motion was seconded by Roy Wrightsman and carried unanimously.

VIII. GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Commissioner Jim Meece
 - Discussed the possible need to increase the County Wheel Tax from \$40.00 per axle to \$80.00. The increased revenues would be used as the local match portion necessary to apply for and acquire grants from the State to repair and maintain Parke County roads.
 - Spoke about the closing of the bridge on State Road 163 going over the Wabash River at Clinton, Indiana. Currently the plan is to close both lanes of traffic beginning sometime in the spring of 2019 which may require restructuring of Emergency Services protocols in regards to which hospital patients should be transported to by the Ambulance Service. At this time it has not been determined as to how long the bridge will be closed to traffic.
 - Also stated the U. S. Highway 36 crossing the Wabash River at Montezuma, Indiana will be reduced to one lane of traffic during for repairs and maintenance. The project plan includes closing both lanes of traffic during two non-consecutive weekends. Larry Gambaiani wishes to have a meeting to discuss the effects (such as Hillsdale relying on Montezuma for fire protection) of the bridge being reduced to one lane and the two weekends it will be completely closed.
- Sheriff Justin Cole
 - Reported to the Council regarding a Vigo County inmate who committed suicide while being housed at the Parke County Jail.
 - Presented the Report of Collections for May 2016.
 - Updated the Council regarding installation of new video cameras at the Jail. The cameras were purchased and are being installed using grant funds. The old black and white surveillance cameras have are being replaced with new digital cameras that will film and record in color. The installation should be completed next week.
 - Made the Council aware of the Southwest Parke School Corporation applying for a grant to fund installing surveillance cameras within the school. Next year the school plans to file for an additional grant to fund the hiring of a Resource Officer.
- Recorder Mary Jo Harkrider
 - Begins training with Simplifile on the new e-recording system next week. The Recorder's office will begin with the e-recording of mortgages. At a later date, deeds could be added to the process if the Assessor and Auditor are interested.
- Extension Director Jim Luzar
 - Reminded the Council the Parke County Fair would take place July 23, 2016 through July 29, 2016.
 - Advised the Council of the completion of the Commercial Building's interior re-skin. There is still a bank of 8 lights to be replaced. Luzar hopes the improvements to the building will help generate more interest in individual's desire to rent the venue for events. This year Honda has rented the venue for an event and Luzar hopes they will return in 2017.
 - Reminded the Council there are procedures in place to allow alcohol at events when someone rents space at the fairgrounds, however at this time no requests to serve alcohol have been received.
 - Of the five hundred and thirty (530) regular 4-H members enrolled in 2016, thirty-seven (37) are ten (10) year members; and there are one hundred seventy-six (176) mini 4-H members enrolled this year.
- Highway Superintendent Randy Norman
 - Discussed the increase of the County's Wheel Tax; any increase in the tax (not the original base amount charged by the County) can be used as local matching funds for the Community Crossings Match Grant program. The funds to match the grant can come from new revenues from an increase in the Wheel Tax or from the SEA 67-2016 Special Distribution.
 - The Zacke Cox Bridge repairs completed in 2002 were poorly executed. The bridge needs to be raised 18" to eliminate the bridge becoming flooded and allow larger timbers and debris in the creek to flow downstream. The bridge will be taken off its pilings and set on the road during repairs. Estimated cost for labor and materials is \$134,464.00 and \$6,800.00 for design and engineering.
 - The Portland Mill Bridge requires the replacement of arch rings and the lower cord, the repairs are estimated at \$58,620.00.
 - The Cox Ford Bridge requires new roofing sections and a 20' awning to be built, the repairs are estimated at \$6,400.00.
 - The Melcher Bridge was opened today, additional repairs are still needed to the second abutment.
- Ambulance Director Terry Hensley
 - Discussed possible legislation that would allow the Parke County Ambulance to bypass Clinton Hospital and go directly to Terre Haute. Terre Haute Regional and Terre Haute Union Hospitals are both in the process of becoming Level 2 and/or Level 3 trauma centers. If they become trauma centers and the new legislation is passed then Parke County will be able to transport

patients directly to either of the Terre Haute hospitals. Stambaugh inquired about Hendricks County Hospital being a Level 2 trauma center and the ambulance taking patients to Hendricks County Hospital. Hensley confirmed the County's ambulances do go to Hendricks County Hospital, however the bulk of patients would probably go to Terre Haute.

- Updated the Council regarding repairs to Ambulance #Med 3. The work previously done by Mace Ford of Terre Haute was inadequate. Med 3 broke down again and was taken to Wabash Ford in Plainfield for repairs. Hensley stated he spoke with a representative from Wabash Ford and the additional the repairs to Med 3 should be covered under warranty and there should be no additional cost to the County.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Roy Wrightsman reported to the Council the Redevelopment Commission did not have a quorum. The only activity performed was the opening of bids.
- Jack B. Butler informed the Council of two separate companies inquiring about placing cell towers in the area of Cecil M. Haden Lake.
- Butler reported regarding of the removal of the old gas tanks, gas lines and some of the soil at the former Belmore General Store. At this time there have not been any applications for building permits filed for the General Store property or building.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

Parke County Ordinance 2016-09 was presented for the Council's consideration. The Ordinance authorizes the transfer of funds, in the amount of \$150,000.00, from the Rainy Day Fund to the Montezuma B&O Railroad Bridge Grant Fund for cash flow purposes. The transfer must be repaid at the end of the prescribed period unless a resolution is adopted extending the time period by six months. Larry Gambaiani made a motion to adopt **Parke County Ordinance 2016-09 Same Day, Same Meeting**. Jack B. Butler seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Larry Gambaiani made a motion to adopt **Parke County Ordinance 2016-05**. Jack B. Butler seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Parke County Ordinance 2016-10 was presented for the Council's consideration. The Ordinance amends Ordinance 2006-05 and Ordinance 1999-16 to include applicable postage charge for a CD. Roy Wrightsman made a motion to adopt **Parke County Ordinance 2016-10 Same Day, Same Meeting**. Thomas E. Stambaugh seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Roy Wrightsman made a motion to adopt **Parke County Ordinance 2016-10**. Thomas E. Stambaugh seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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- Adams presented the Council with a memorandum from the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) regarding the new Budget Timeline.
- Adams informed the Council that June Settlement should be done by the beginning of next week, there was a slight delay due to the Treasurer's office having received some returned checks and therefore had to re-certify the collections.

