

COUNTY COUNCIL

July 10, 2025

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, July 10th, 2025 to consider additional requests in excess of the budget allowed for 2025, and to conduct such other business as may be properly brought before the Council.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Council members present were Roy Wrightsman, President; Thomas Rohr, Vice President; Jack B. Butler; Matt Helderman; James E. Howard; Rick Patton; Mary Alice Gregg; Susan Kramer, Auditor. Also present were Katie Potter, Kim Shorter, Jason Frazier, Leanna Collisi, Jim Meece, Jessica Lancaster, Stacie Amerman, Nicole Collings, Matt Romalia, Randy Cleaver and Chris O'Brien.
- III. **READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes for the Council Meeting held on June 12th, 2025 were presented. Matt Helderman made a motion to approve the June 12th, 2025 minutes as presented. Mary Alice Gregg seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- IV. **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:** The Council considered additional appropriation requests as published in the newspaper June 25th, 2025.

Council President, Roy Wrightsman, reviewed the appropriations from written requests submitted by Auditor, Susan Kramer. 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 2025, 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: Thomas Rohr made a motion to approve the additional appropriation requests as advertised on June 25th, 2025. The motion was seconded by Matt Helderman and it carried unanimously.

DRUG COURT INCENTIVE LCC

Drug Court Incentive	9107-00-03-5081	82.26	82.26
Total RDC- DRUG COURT INCENTIVE	Total	82.26	82.26

DRUG COURT WORKSHOP

Training & Travel	9110-00-03-5020	1,226.96	1,226.96
Total DRUG COURT WORKSHOP	Total	1,226.96	1,226.96

DRUG COURT LOAN FUND

Drug Court Loans	9110-00-03-5081	362.66	362.66
Total DRUG COURT LOAN FUND	Total	362.66	362.66

LICENSE PLATE READER

Equipment	9176-00-04-7020	10,950.00	10,950.00
Total LICENSE PLATE READER	Total	10,950.00	10,950.00

PCS CYBERSECURITY PROJECT

Equipment	8176-00-03-5040	5,149.98	5,149.98
Total PCS CYBERSECURITY PROJECT	Total	5,149.98	5,149.98

V. **JURY PAY:** The Auditor presented the Parke County Clerk's Certification of jury fees collected for February 2025, and requested \$401.87 be transferred into the Jury Pay Fund, pursuant to IC 33-19-8-8. Jim Howard made the motion to direct the Auditor to transfer the jury fees collected in the amount of \$401.87 from the County Users Fund to the Jury Fee Fund. The motion was seconded by Mary Alice Gregg and unanimously carried.

VI. **TRANSFER OF FUNDS:**

Department: Probation
Department

Requested By: Jason McHargue

Transfer Amount:	<u>\$550</u>		
From Account		Account	
Number:	<u>2100-00-03-5030</u>	Name:	<u>Telephone</u>
To Account		Account	
Number:	<u>2100-00-04-7020</u>	Name:	<u>Equipment</u>

Transfer Amount:	<u>\$500</u>		
From Account		Account	
Number:	<u>2100-00-03-5040</u>	Name:	<u>Equipment</u> <u>Maintenance</u>
To Account		Account	
Number:	<u>2100-00-04-7020</u>	Name:	<u>Equipment</u>

VII. **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

AIC Annual Conference will be held at French Lick September 29th thru October 2nd, 2025.

August 21st, 2025 – 2026 Budget Hearings, schedule will be emailed

VIII. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Redevelopment Commission (RDC): Did not meet.

Courthouse Security Committee: Did not meet.

Planning and Zoning Board: Did not meet.

West Central Solid Waste District (SWD): Did not meet.

Northern Parke Regional Sewer District: Met Wednesday night completed application for Federal Employer Identification Number and creating by-laws for the Board. Notified that they were number 2 on the list of 122 applicants for the State revolving loan.

IX. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

- **Susan Kramer, Auditor:**

- The Auditor's Cash Flow Statement was submitted for review by the Council Members.

- **Katie Potter, Assessor:**

- Florida and Wabash Townships are currently being reassessed
- Informal Appeals hearings being held
- Placed ad in the Sentinel accepting bids until September 2nd, 2025 for Reassessment Contractor

- **Jim Meece, Commissioner:**

- Courthouse chiller there is an issue with the Trane sensor not working correctly
- CDL program the County has paid for 6 employees which was \$12,000 only 4 employees completed the program in which the County will be reimbursed \$8,000 from the State.
- Currently working on a contract for the Humane Society
- Work continues on Melcher Bridge
- Held meeting with Amish leadership they understand the need to pay additional amounts to go towards damage to the county roads, trying to come with an amount by the end of the year.

- **Kim Shorter, Treasurer:**

- Preparing for the 2025 Parke County Tax sale with SRI to be held September 19th, 2025 in the Courtroom
- Delinquent taxes not eligible for tax sale have been turned over to American Finance for collections.

- **Jason Frazier, Sheriff:**

- National Night Out at the Parke County 4-H Fair, July 17th, 2025 from 5pm to 9pm
- Inmates stripped copper which was then taken to Mecca Salvage Yard received \$8,421.98 which was receipted into the General Fund
- Preparing for Active Shooter training

- **Matt Romalia, Highway Superintendent:**

- Seeking approval to lease 2 new tandem axle dump trucks through VOMAC. Each truck would come with a 7 year/250,000-mile warranty and a 5-year chassis warranty. Thomas Rohr made a motion to approve the lease of the 2 new tandem axle dump trucks. Jack B Butler seconded the motion and it carried unanimously
- Grader leases are almost to term, currently it is 43,000 a year per grader, it will more than likely go up to an estimated 67,000 a year per grader.
- Currently has 35 employees and 26 trucks

- **Randy Cleaver, IT Consultant:**

- Gibson Teledata to provide internet-based SIP for a one-time set-up fee of \$7,778.49. The new service will result in an approximate monthly savings of \$400 per month.
- Jim Meece to sign contract at 10 am in the Auditors office.

- **Chris O'Brien, EMA Director:**

- Requesting permission to seek Sowing Enriched and Enhanced Datasets (SEED) grant through the Indiana Office of Technology for \$18,500. Jack B Butler made a motion to approve the grant request. Matt Helderman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- **Nicole Collings, Clerk:**

- Brought quotes for election equipment upgrades because Apple has stopped issuing software and security updates for the models that are currently utilized in Parke County
- Microvote submitted a quote for \$103,587.76 for 36 Infinity Rev E1 voting units including supplies and services. \$63,578.76 will be due in 2026 and the remaining balance of \$40,000.00 will be due in 2027.
- Knowink submitted 3 separate quotes for 17 - 11th generation iPads with different accessories, Council opted to go with option 3 for \$18,615.00 that included transport cases, flip stands, mCPrint-3 printers and braided USB-C to USB-C cable for each iPad unit.
- Nicole is working on a plan for vote centers; she is currently researching voter turnout rates. The preference is to go to vote centers in the County, voters would be able to vote at any voting center.
- Nicole would like to utilize High School Seniors as Poll Clerks and she would be able to pay them for their services out of her budget.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

- West Central Solid Waste District submitted their 2026 Commitment/Annual Contribution this will be signed after the 2026 Budget has been approved.

\$12,117 due March 2026

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\$24,234 due December 2026

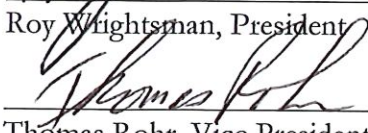
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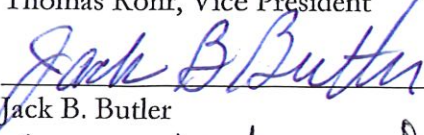
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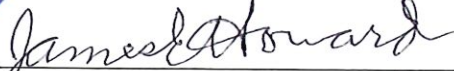
Roy Wrightsman, President



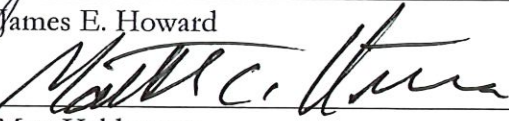
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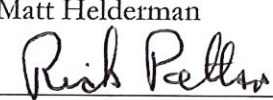
Jack B. Butler



James E. Howard



Matt Helderman

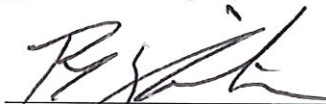


Rick Patton



Mary Alice Gregg

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business to come before the Council, the motion to adjourn was made by Jack B Butler and seconded by Mary Alice Gregg. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.



Roy Wrightsman, President

ATTEST:



Susan Kramer, Auditor