

COUNTY COUNCIL

April 9, 2026

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, April 9th, 2026 to consider additional requests in excess of the budget allowed for 2026, 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; Rick Patton; Jim Howard; Mary Alice Gregg; Susan Kramer, Auditor and Leanna Collisi, Deputy Auditor. Also, present were Katie Potter, Jacob King, Jason Frazier, Jim Meece, Stacie Amerman, Kim Shorter, Stephany Dowd, Michael Ryan and Gretchen Girdler.
- III. **READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes for the Council Meeting held on March 12th, 2026 were presented. Matt Helderman made a motion to approve the March 12th, 2026 minutes as presented. Rick Patton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- IV. **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:** None presented
- V. **JURY PAY:** The Auditor presented the Parke County Clerk's Certification of jury fees collected for March 2026, and requested \$393.38 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 \$393.38 from the County Users Fund to the Jury Fee Fund. The motion was seconded by Mary Alice Gregg and unanimously carried.
- VI. **REAPPROPRIATIONS:** None presented
- VII. **TRANSFER OF FUNDS:** None presented
- VIII. **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Roy Wrightsman, President congratulated the Parke Heritage Boys Basketball team for winning the 2A State Championship.
- IX. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
 - Redevelopment Commission (RDC):** Drive thru demolition has been completed. Build BW – Taber Owens was selected as the developer so the design phase is under way, financing options are being reviewed. Commission approved a revolving loan for Bloomfields to install heating and air in their building.
 - Courthouse Security Committee:** Did not meet.
 - Planning and Zoning Board:** Variance approved for Amish material store.
 - West Central Solid Waste District (SWD):** Did not meet.
 - Northern Parke Regional Sewer District:** Design phase.

X. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

- **Susan Kramer, Auditor:**

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

- **Katie Potter, Assessor:**

- Introduced Michael Ryan and Gretchen Girdler with Nexus, currently in Mecca doing reassessments. Unfortunately, there were comments placed on Parke County Chatter regarding Nexus in the Mecca area.
- Form 11's being sent out April 28th, 2026 along with a letter from the Assessor regarding the changes made by the DLGF that are affecting property taxes.
- Assessor would like to get estimates on pictometry which would include change finder that could be utilized with WTH-GIS to assist in the reassessment process.

- **Kim Shorter, Treasurer:**

- Tax statements will be mailed April 10th, 2026.

- **Jim Meece, Commissioner:**

- Highway Administrative Assistant has been selected, Leanna Collisi has accepted the position.
- Window work will begin in May, currently looking at the 5 worst windows located on the second floor.
- Jim Meece reported that the Portland Mills Bridge was closed and at the request of a landowner the run around was closed. Now J.B. Hale has agreed to keep the run around open until Parke County takes it over as a County Right-of-Way. In the interim, a Hold Harmless Agreement will need to be created and signed.

- **Jason Frazier, Sheriff:**

- 3 gas leaks reported at the jail.
- Should receive the 5 upfitted leased Ford Explorers by mid-summer.
- Issued several tickets for Semi trucks violating the weight limit on covered bridges.

- **Hamilton Center:**

- April 10th, 2026 the Prevent Child Abuse Month ceremony will be held on the Courthouse lawn.

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

- Ordinance 2026-08 to establish a non-reverting fund for the Bank Building renovations.

ORDINANCE 2026-08

PARKE COUNTY COUNCIL, PARKE COUNTY, INDIANA

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A NON-REVERTING FUND
FOR THE BANK BUILDING RENOVATIONS

WHEREAS, Parke County, Indiana (“Parke County”), may, pursuant to Indiana law (IC 36-1-8-12), enact ordinances for the effective governance of its departments; and

WHEREAS, The Parke County Redevelopment Commission (“RDC”) was established and exists in accordance with Indiana law; and

WHEREAS, On January 9, 2026, the RDC acquired the real estate, improvements, fixtures and personal property with located at 128 West Ohio Street, Rockville, Parke County, Indiana, (“Bank Building”) for the purposes of renovating and rehabilitating the building to provide for offices and meeting areas for elected officials and the departments of Parke County (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, The Bank Building contains various items of furniture, equipment, and fixtures that are past their useful life and have been declared surplus property by the RDC; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Indiana law, the RDC intends to dispose of the surplus property and may obtain proceeds from the disposal by auction, sale or otherwise; and

WHEREAS, the Parke County Council, Parke County, Indiana (“Council”) desires to establish a non-reverting fund such that the proceeds from the disposal of the surplus property may be deposited in a fund to be utilized for various improvements and the purchases of equipment, furniture, fixtures, and related items as contemplated by the Project; and

WHEREAS, the non-reverting fund shall be designated as the “Bank Building Fund” (“Fund”); and proceeds shall be utilized for expenses related to the Project; and

WHEREAS, Parke County shall deposit in the Fund the monies received from the disposal of surplus property and any gifts, donations, other monies received by the County or RDC designated for the Project, and such funds shall not revert to the County general fund but shall be held over from year to year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PARKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF PARKE COUNTY, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. There is hereby established a fund to be known as the Bank Building Fund (Fund No. 4912) to be maintained separate and apart from all other funds of the County, and such funds shall not revert to the County general fund but shall be held over from year to year. Should the Bank Building Fund discontinue, and all qualifying distributions have been paid, the remaining monies within the fund will revert as prescribed by state law.

Section 2. The Fund shall consist of the monies received from the disposal of surplus property and any gifts, donations, other monies received by the County or RDC designated for the Project.

Section 3. All prior ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Parke County Council as provided for in Indiana law.

ALL OF WHICH IS ORDAINED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of April, 2026 by the Parke County Council, Parke County, Indiana.

Tom Rohr made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-08 and Same Day Same Meeting for Ordinance 2026-08 as presented by Roy Wrightsman. Jack Butler seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.


- Roy Wrightsman, President presented the 2025 Parke County Redevelopment Commission TIF Management report
- Opioid Grant requests presented for the following:
 - Rockville Police Department – Trick or Treat Bags \$1,078.00
 - Parke Heritage – Post Prom \$1,000.00
 - Riverton Parke – Post Prom \$1,000.00
 - Crossroads Recovery Service – Crucial Life Skills \$4,480.00

Jack Butler made a motion to approve the Opioid grants as presented by Stephaney Dowd. Tom Rohr seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

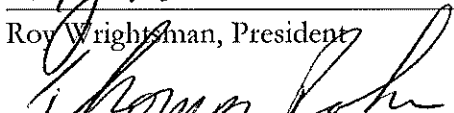
XII. OLD BUSINESS: None Presented

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Roy Wrightsman, President



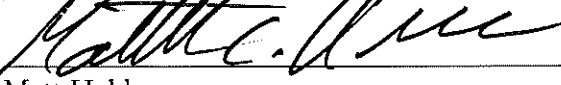
Thomas Rohr, Vice President



Jack B. Butler

Absent

James E. Howard



Matt Helderman

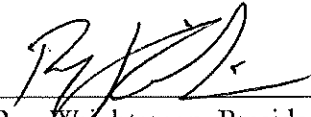


Rick Patton

Absent

Mary Alice Gregg

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business to come before the Council, the motion to adjourn was made by Jack B Butler. The meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.



Roy Wrightsman, President

ATTEST:



Susan Kramer, Auditor