

**COUNTY COUNCIL**

**May 14, 2026**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, May 14th, 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; Susan Kramer, Auditor and Leanna Collisi, Deputy Auditor. Also, present were Katie Potter, Jason McHargue, Justin Cole, Stacie Amerman, Lisa Wood, Cyndi Todd and Staphany Dowd.
- III. **READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes for the Council Meeting held on April 9th, 2026 were presented. Matt Helderman made a motion to approve the April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 minutes as presented. Jack Butler seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
- IV. **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS:** The Council considered additional appropriation requests as published on Gateway April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026.

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 2026, 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 published on Gateway April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026. The motion was seconded by Tom Rohr, and it carried unanimously.

<b>PROBLEM SOLVING COURT PRG</b>			
Incentives	2450-000-0002-5250	800.00	800.00
<b>Total PROBLEM-SOLVING COURT PRG</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>800.00</b>	<b>800.00</b>
 <b>PARKS &amp; RECS</b>			
Ground Maintenance	1219-000-0003-5239	18,950.00	18,950.00
<b>Total PARKS &amp; RECS</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>18,950.00</b>	<b>18,950.00</b>
 <b>AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN</b>			
Building & Grounds - Jail	8912-000-0003-5040	12,302.00	12,302.00
<b>Total AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>12,302.00</b>	<b>12,302.00</b>
 <b>OPIOID RESTRICTED</b>			
Professional Services	1237-000-0003-5387	7,558.00	7,558.00
<b>Total OPIOID RESTRICTED</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>7,558.00</b>	<b>7,558.00</b>
 <b>CLERK PERPETUATION</b>			
Equipment	1119-000-0004-5203	515.00	515.00
<b>Total CLERK PERPETUATION</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>515.00</b>	<b>515.00</b>

**SECURE CONTINUOUS REMOTE MONITOR**

Equipment	9124-000-0004-5203	945.00	945.00
<b>Total SCRAM FUND</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>945.00</b>	<b>945.00</b>

V. **JURY PAY:** The Auditor presented the Parke County Clerk's Certification of jury fees collected for April 2026 and requested \$568.92 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 \$568.92 from the County Users Fund to the Jury Fee Fund. The motion was seconded by Jack B Butler and unanimously carried.

VI. **REAPPROPRIATIONS:** None presented

VII. **TRANSFER OF FUNDS:** Out of category transfer requested by the Clerk's Office for \$2.82 from 1000-001-0002-5327 Office Supplies to 1000-001-0003-5173 Dues. Matt Helderman made the motion to approve the out of category transfer as presented. Jack B Butler seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

VIII. **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Indiana County Councils Association State Called meeting for County Councils will be held Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Renaissance Indianapolis North Hotel in Carmel, Indiana.

IX. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Redevelopment Commission (RDC): Did not meet.

Courthouse Security Committee: Did not meet.

Planning and Zoning Board: Request for new cell tower near Bellmore.

West Central Solid Waste District (SWD): Absent

Northern Parke Regional Sewer District: READI grant awarded \$850,000.00. Surveying complete in Marshall.

X. **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

• **Susan Kramer, Auditor:**

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

• **Katie Potter, Assessor:**

- Reassessment on-going, using door hangers to notify homeowners that they were onsite for reassessment if the homeowner was not home at the time.
- Received quote from Eagleview for Pictometry mapping the works with WTH – GIS services. 6" full county wide coverage would be \$56,760 per flight which payment could be spread out over 2 or 3 years depending on how often the County opts to fly.

- **Justin Cole, Chief Deputy Sheriff:**
  - Nothing to report.
- **Stacie Ammerman, Hamilton Center:**
  - Nothing to report.
- **Cyndi Todd, Partnership Parke County:**
  - Nothing to report.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Notice of Public Meeting presented by the Parke County Redevelopment Commission for the Council to review

Hereby notice is given that the Parke County Redevelopment Commission will convene in a regular meeting on June 9, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at 1472 US 41 N, Rockville, Indiana, for the purpose of a hearing regarding TIF management. Any units affected by the operation of TIF districts in Parke County have the right to be heard regarding the operation of this units.

Dated: April 28, 2026

- Opioid Grant Request \$6,685.50 Renewal of the Parke County Sheriff App. The Sheriff App is a platform for community education and involvement. Tom Rohr made a motion to approve the Opioid Grant in the amount of \$6,685.50 for the renewal of the Parke County Sheriff App. Matt Helderman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
- Opioid Grant Request \$8,990.00 Parke County Probation RISE26 Conference. The RISE26 Conference provides some of the best training possible for the Parke County Drug Court using evidence-based practices to have the best possible outcomes. Jack B Butler made a motion to approve the Opioid Grant in the amount of \$8,990.00 for four members of the Parke County Drug Court to attend the RISE26 conference in Nashville, Tennessee. Tom Rohr seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.
- May 28, 2026, Parke County Council President Roy Wrightsman will attend a round table discussion with Lieutenant Governor Micah Beckwith.

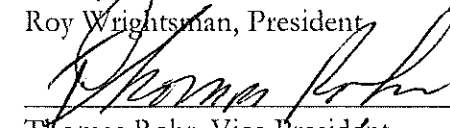
**XII. OLD BUSINESS: None Presented**

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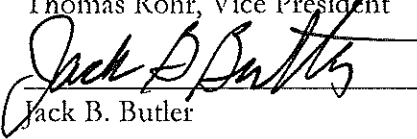
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Roy Wrightsman, President

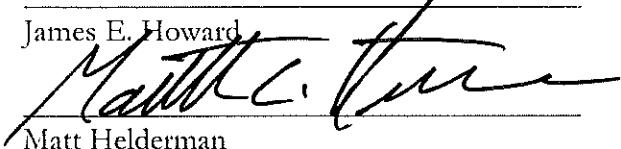


Thomas Rohr, Vice President

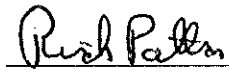


Jack B. Butler

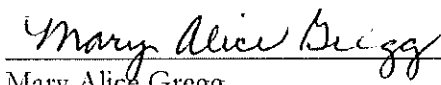
James E. Howard



Matt Helderman

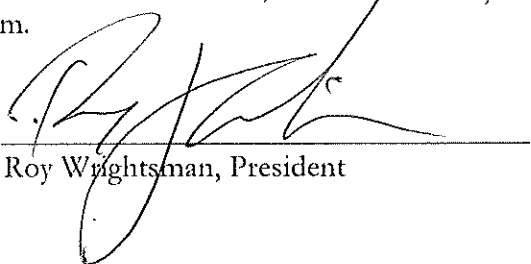


Rick Patton



Mary Alice Gregg

**ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business to come before the Council, the motion to adjourn was made by Jack B Butler. The meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.



Roy Wrightsman, President

ATTEST:



Susan Kramer, Auditor