

## COUNTY COUNCIL

February 12, 2026

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Council convened in a regular meeting on Thursday, February 12th, 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; Mary Alice Gregg; Susan Kramer, Auditor and Leanna Collisi, Deputy Auditor. Also, present were Katie Potter, Kim Shorter, Jason Frazier, Mandy Adams Washburn, Stacie Amerman, Chris Newcomb, Jacob King and Jim Meece.
- III. **READING OF THE MINUTES:** Minutes for the Council Meeting held on January 8th, 2026 were presented. Jack B Butler made a motion to approve the January 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 January 2026, and requested \$333.01 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 \$333.01 from the County Users Fund to the Jury Fee Fund. The motion was seconded by Jack B. Butler and unanimously carried.
- VI. **REAPPROPRIATIONS:** Received check in the amount of \$4,000.02 on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from Governmental Interinsurance Exchange for damage to a 2025 Chevy Tahoe VIN # 97282. The Sheriff's Department has requested that the funds be reappropriated to Public Safety Vehicle Maintenance line:  

PS Vehicle Maintenance	1170-000-0003-5492	\$4,000.02
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A motion was made by Jack B Butler and seconded by Matt Helderman to approve the reappropriation as presented and the motion carried unanimously. President Roy Wrightsman also instructed the Auditor to encumber that amount.
- VII. **TRANSFER OF FUNDS:** None presented

## VIII. GENERAL BUSINESS:

### 2025 Encumbrance Totals

\$317,141.60

Fund #	Fund	Fund Total
1000	General	\$61,724.92
1101	Accident Reports	\$1,486.12
1112	CEDIT.	\$27,125.37
1134	Covered Bridge	\$95.61
1135	Cumulative Bridge	\$23,998.82
1138	CCD	\$10,150.50
1156	Firearm Training	\$4,350.00
1159	Health	\$40.00
1161	Local Public Health	\$56,630.48
1168	Local Health Maintenance	\$658.97
1169	Local Road and Streets	\$20,184.80
1173	MVH Restricted	\$26,397.50
1176	MVH	\$55,769.55
1181	Plat Book	\$1,690.45
1202	Surveyor Perpetuation	\$15,000.00
1206	Local Health Trust	\$6,689.76
2100	Supplemental Adult Prob	\$2,564.61
2150	Supplemental Juvenile Prob	\$65.99
2502	SCRAM	\$1,984.40
9117	L.H Emerg Prep	\$533.75

Matt Helderman made a motion to approve the 2025 Encumbrances as presented. Tom Rohr seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

## IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Redevelopment Commission (RDC):** Demolition of the drive thru building behind the Bank Building will begin. Developers will do a walk through of the building and move on to the design phase. No change orders will be allowed by the developers, RDC is the ones that can issue a change order.

**Courthouse Security Committee:** Did not meet.

**Planning and Zoning Board:** Walker Cove luxury storage units were turned down.

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

**Northern Parke Regional Sewer District:** Retained the same officers. Granted the 2.146 million forgivable loan. Starting phase 1 of the project, surveyors will be in the area.

## X. DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

- **Susan Kramer, Auditor:**
  - The Auditor's Cash Flow Statement was submitted for review by the Council Members.
  
- **Katie Potter, Assessor:**
  - Tyler Technologies working on the ratio study.
  - Will be awarding the 2026 Reassessment bid at the September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Commissioners meeting.
  
- **Chris Newcomb, P&R Director:**
  - Water and sewage lines repaired. Installing a 4500-gallon septic tank, replacing a 300-gallon tank. Invasive Lily Pads are taking over the lake which could cause the spillway to clog and cause flooding, the Conservancy Board has been notified but are not taking any action. Chris has contacted a company that can use "cultivating" type equipment to remove the lily pads and it would cost around \$39,000 for the project. Chris will continue to contact the Conservancy Board regarding the issue.
  
- **Kim Shorter, Treasurer:**
  - Nothing to report.
  
- **Jason Frazier, Sheriff:**
  - Annual Jail inspection passed on February 10, 2026.
  - Jerry Chandler, jail maintenance will be retiring February 27, 2026.
  
- **Jim Meece, Commissioner:**
  - LTAP no changes for Community Crossings next year
  - Thrive hosted a Housing Meeting 26 new housing projects possible in the coming year.
  - Attended the Commissioners Roundtable discussed health and drug initiatives for inmates at a lower cost.
  - Window projected has not started, waiting for warmer weather. Initially looking at 5 windows for fixing or replacing, they will know more once the project begins.
  - Brenda Irelan will be the interim Penn Township Trustee until a replacement can be found.

## XI. NEW BUSINESS:

- Bloomingdale Home Telephone Company, Inc submitted an Indiana Broadband Infrastructure Investment Zone application for consideration. Tom Rohr made a motion to approve the infrastructure application from Bloomingdale Home Telephone as presented. Rick Patton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- Indiana Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council (JRAC) grant requests from Jason Frazier.

National Night Out grant request for \$8,000 to help pay for the 2026 National Night Out program.

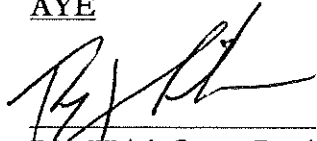
LPR Camera Project \$9,000 to pay for the LPR Cameras.

Tom Rohr made a motion to approve the grant requests as presented. The motion was seconded by Matt Helderman and it carried unanimously. President Roy Wrightsman stated that a home rule fund would need to be created for the LPR Camera grant.

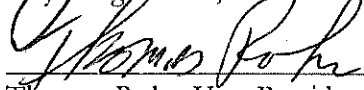
**XII. OLD BUSINESS:** None Presented.

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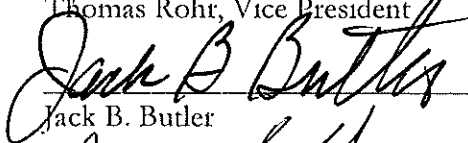
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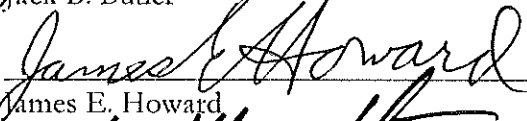
Roy Wrightsman, President



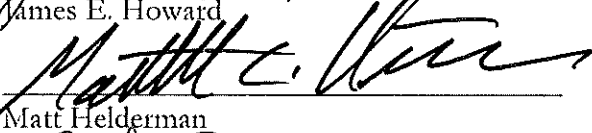
Thomas Rohr, Vice President



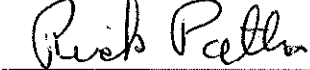
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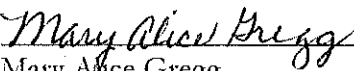
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Matt Helderman

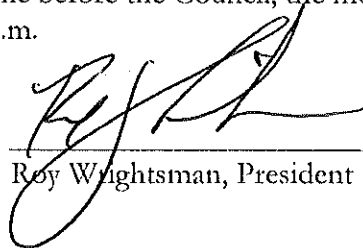


Rick Patton



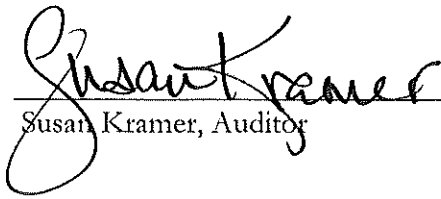
Mary Alice Gregg

**ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business to come before the Council, the motion to adjourn was made by Jack B Butler. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.



Roy Wrightsman, President

ATTEST:

  
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Susan Kramer, Auditor