

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 7, 2022

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, having adjourned from a regular meeting on Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- II. ROLL CALL:** Members present were Commissioner Jim Meece, President, Dan R. Collom, First Vice President; Bruce Hartman, Second Vice President; Nicole Collings, First Deputy Auditor; Michelle Woods, Second Deputy Auditor; and County Attorney Nick Sauter. Also, present were John Martin, Katie Potter, Kathy Collom, Justin Cole, Mary Anne Wood, Kim Shorter, Jessica Lancaster, Nick Napier, Chris O'Brien, Branden Brodie, John Ford and Ed Koerner.
- III. MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 and October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 were approved on a motion made by Dan R. Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The motion carried unanimously.
- IV. PAYROLL:** County payroll in the amount of \$181,571.76 was approved for release on Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 on a motion made by Dan R. Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman. County payroll in the amount of \$207,335.22 was approved for release on Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 on a motion made by Dan R. Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The motion carried unanimously. Dan R. Collom made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the Payroll Claims Accounts Payable Report in the amount of \$178,804.27. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- V. CLAIMS:** After reviewing the Claims Docket, claims in the amount of \$527,781.15 were approved for release on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 on a motion made by Dan R. Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The motion carried unanimously.
- VI. NEW BUSINESS:**
- Chris O'Brien approached the Board for approval for a new grant for \$99,873.68. This grant will reimburse the County for the purchase of police vehicle mobile computers and associated supplies. Jim Meece made the motion for Chris O'Brien to proceed with the grant. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed.
  - Chris O'Brien stated that he was awarded the EMA salary grant and was denied another grant he applied for.
  - Katie Potter presented to the Board the Xsoft contract. The ARPA funds will cover the cost of the program. This program will be used in the Assessor, Treasurer and Auditor's offices next year. Jim Meece signed the contract from the approval of the ARPA committee.
  - Nick Napier with Brown and Brown Associates was present at the meeting to present the bids for employee insurance for 2023. The Board agreed to continue the move towards 17% employee and 83% county contributions. After reviewing the plan bids, Jim Meece made the motion to renew with Anthem for 2.9% increase. This was seconded by Bruce Hartman. Motion passed.
  - Otterbein Church asked the Board for approval to place a Nativity Scene on the courthouse lawn during the holiday season. Dan R. Collom made the motion to approve the scene be placed on the lawn for the season and Bruce Hartman seconded the motion. Motion passed.
  - The Ordinance to control semi traffic in Mecca was denied by the Board.
  - John Ford with West Central Thrive provided handouts and had a presentation to the Board about their services that they provide.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS: None**

**VIII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**Parke County Sheriff, Justin Cole:**

- Justin Cole provided an update on his department. The department collected \$143,428.00 from the DOC. The department is still picking up Sullivan County inmates to house.
- Justin Cole updated on the boiler unit replacement. The maybe down a couple days without hot water as the replacement continues.
- During the Bridge Festival the department made thirty-five arrests. They felt the Bridge Festival went well.

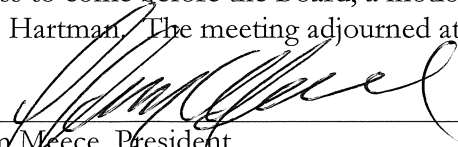
**Parke County Highway Department Superintendent, Randy Norman:**

- Bridge Inspection Claims for \$68,159.07 and \$2,500.00 were presented to the Board for a signature.
- Randy Norman came to the Board about the new amendment to the county bridge inspection contract by the state revising load ratings. The signs will be need to be updated with new ratings. Jim Meece made the motion to approve amendment to the contract. Dan R. Collom seconded it. Motion passed.
- Jim Meece asked Randy Norman to consider splitting the cost to do updates to Thorpe Ford Bridge with CVC. Randy Norman didn't see a problem with this.
- Randy Norman asked for a hand typed check for Milestone for \$122,331.18. Bruce Hartman made the motion to approve the check. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Ordinance 2022-14 for Speed Limit sign for Coxville Road was presented to the Board. This would be for a 35-mph speed limit zone. Jim Meece made the motion for same day same meeting passing of Ordinance 2022-14. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Jim Meece made the motion to pass Ordinance 2022-14 and Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed.

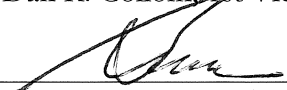
**IX. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Billie Creek Village Committee came to the Board for approval to close the road down for Civil War Days. This event will happen in May. The Board stated they don't see a problem in the request but asked for them to ask closer to the event for final approval.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Dan R. Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

  
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Jim Meece, President

  
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Dan R. Collom, 1st Vice President

  
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Bruce Hartman, 2nd Vice President

ATTEST:

  
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Nicole Collings,  
First Deputy Auditor