

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 16, 2022

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 16th, 2022, having adjourned from a regular meeting on Monday, May 2nd, 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; and County Attorney Nick Sauter. Also, present were John Martin, Pam Sanders, Jessica Lancaster, Randy Norman, Jason Frazier, Andy Jones, Stacey Amerman, Tim Waterman, Donnie Cottrell, Chris O'Brien, Cyndi Todd, Christie Jacob, Natalie Montgomery, and Stephanie Dowd. Absent was Laura Fischer, Auditor.
- III. MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on May 2nd, 2022 and February 7th, 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 \$188,807.24 was approved for release on Monday, May 9th, 2022 on a motion made by Bruce Hartman and seconded by Dan R. Collom. The motion carried unanimously. Dan R. Collom made a motion acknowledging receipt of the Payroll Claims Accounts Payable Report in the amount of \$78,694.35. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- V. NEW BUSINESS:**
- A claim for West Central Indiana Public Defender Office for \$34,000.00 was presented to the Board for an out of cycle check. Jim Meece made the motion to approve the out of cycle check. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - The Planning Commission presented Ordinance 2022-04 to Vacate the Undeveloped Part of Valley Drive and a Certification to the Commissioners on Zoning Map Change. The Zoning Board recommended the passing of the ordinance and notification was sent to the proper people. Bruce Hartman made the motion to adopt the ordinance on the same day and at same meeting. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Bruce Hartman made the motion to pass the Ordinance 2022-04. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - Chris O'Brien asked the Board to pursue the State Homeland Security Grant for \$150,000.00. He would like to purchase a new radio console to support public safety communications. The current system is over 15 years old and hard to find parts to fix it. This would only cover part of the cost of a new radio console. Dan R. Collom made the motion for Chris O'Brien to pursue the grant. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - Chris O'Brien asked the Board to consider changing the dispatch to hourly pay from salary pay. He stated that it would make the accounting and scheduling easier. Also, it would be easier to figure the budget for next year. Jim Meece made the motion to approve the change of dispatch to hourly pay. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Chris O'Brien and Jim Meece had spoken about the cabinet in the Annex 1 building to be removed. Jim Meece had spoken to the Historical Society and they have room for it. Jim Meece made the motion to move the cabinet to the Historical Society. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- The Board acknowledge the passing Ron Cook. They are grateful for his years of service and passed their sympathy onto the family.
- Jim Meece asked Hamilton Center to be present at the meeting today. Jim Meece stated that county pays for mental health services and that goes to Hamilton Center. Jim Meece asked if they could provide an update of their services on a quarterly basis. Hamilton Center asked to be put on the agenda for next meeting to give their report.

VII: OLD BUSINESS:

- Nick Sauter said that he still hadn't received the final version of the contract for the RX Pharmacy yet. Jim Meece made a motion to enter into the contract when it is presented. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

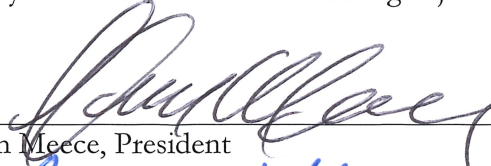
- **Parke County Sheriff, Justin Cole:**
 - Jason Frazier approached the Board about applying for a grant from the Community Foundation. This would be used to help pay for six resource officers training and lodging. Bruce Hartman made the motion for approval to pursue the grant. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **Parke County Highway, Randy Norman:**
 - Randy Norman presented an out cycle claim for VS Engineering for \$52,623.90. Dan R. Collom made the motion for the out cycle claim to be paid. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - Randy Norman had the contract for VS Engineering for the Bridgeton bridge. This is for the primary inspection report. This contract had already been approved and just needed to be signed. The Board signed the contract for the bridge primary report.
 - Nick Sauter opened the sealed bids for the truck for the Highway Department. Three bids had been received along with one letter stating they would not be able to bid at this time. The bids were read aloud and will be reviewed by Randy Norman. At the next meeting, Randy Norman will have his recommendation.
 - Randy Norman presented the Notice to Bidders for the Community Crossing Grant. Jim Meece made the motion for the send the notice to the bidders. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - Randy Norman provided an update on the roads. He mentioned that paving will start May 17th, 2022 in Bridgeton.
 - Jim Meece asked Randy Norman to look into finding about 2.5 miles of road to pave and apply for the last remaining part of the Community Crossing Grant for this year.
- **Parke County Extension Service, Christie Jacob:**
 - Christie Jacob gave the Board a handout of the upcoming programs that they will have available from their office.
 - Christie Jacob informed the Board that Gail Wright's last day was Friday. She transferred to Vigo County Extension Office and that Parke County will be hiring someone to replace her.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT:


- Natalie Montgomery Rosedale Town Clerk/Treasurer came to the meeting to make the Board aware of the shape of the bridge in Rosedale. She reported that bridge/culvert is in bad shape and is the way in and out of town for most residents. The Board said it was on the list to repair for next year. The Board stated they would be responsible for the bridge part and that the

Trails Alliance would be responsible for the addition of the walk way. The Board stated they would have Randy Norman to go out and look at the bridge.


- 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 4:43 p.m.



Jim Meece, President



Dan R. Collom, 1st Vice President



Bruce Hartman, 2nd Vice President

ATTEST:



Laura Fischer,
Parke County Auditor