

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 20, 2022

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 20th, 2022, having adjourned from a regular meeting on Monday, June 6th, 2022.
- II. ROLL CALL:** Members present were Commissioner Jim Meece, President, Dan R. Collom, First Vice President, Nicole Collings, First Deputy Auditor; and County Attorney Nick Sauter. Also, present were John Martin, Pam Sanders, Jessica Lancaster, Randy Norman, Kathy Collom and Cyndi Todd. Absent was Laura Fischer, Auditor. Absent was Bruce Hartman, Second Vice President.
- III. MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on June 6th, 2022 were approved on a motion made by Dan R. Collom and seconded by Jim Meece. The motion carried unanimously.
- IV. PAYROLL:** County payroll in the amount of \$194,080.66 was approved for release on Monday, June 6th, 2022 on a motion made by Dan R. Collom and seconded by Jim Meece. The motion carried unanimously. Dan R. Collom made a motion acknowledging receipt of the Payroll Claims Accounts Payable Report in the amount of \$76,006.16. Jim Meece seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- V. NEW BUSINESS:**
- The Covered Bridge Certificate was presented to the Board to be signed. This is a yearly certificate that is sent into the state. Dan R. Collom made the motion to sign the certificate. Jim Meece seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - West Central Solid Waste District submit their 2023 Commitment/Annual Contribution for approval by the Board. The rural recycling contract will increase 14% and the county contribution reflects 4.7% of the increase for the year. Dan R. Collom made the motion to sign the contract and Jim Meece seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - INDOT submitted their proposal for the repairs to the bridge on SR 59 over Middle Fork of Little Raccoon Creek. They asked for comments from the Board. The Board had no comments.
 - Susan Freed from Penn Township asked for the Board to reappointment of Noel Bowers. Jim Meece made the motion to appoint Noel Bowers contingent on filing being over. This was seconded by Dan R. Collom. Motion passed.
 - WTH Proposal was submitted to the Board. The proposal reflects that there will not be a change in pricing this year. Dan R. Collom made the motion to go into contract with WTH. Jim Meece seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - Thrive budget request was tabled until next meeting July 5.
 - The Board was notified of the court case filed against the county. Nick Sauter stated that insurance is aware of this case.
 - Form 144 with the 2023 proposed Salaries were reviewed by the Board.
 - The Board discussed the payroll overpayment to a previous employee who still hasn't paid the county back. The Auditor has attempted to contact the previous employee several times in attempt to get the money returned. Jim Meece made the motion for the county's attorney to file a small claims on the previous employee. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - The Purple property has liens placed on it from the county cases against it in court. There is an offer to buy the property and the buyer has asked for the \$30,000 lien to be lifted if purchased. Jim Meece made the motion to release the liens contingent on the purchase of the property. Dan

R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed. Dan R. Collom made the motion that if the purchase falls through that Nick Sauter can file to have the property cleaned up by the county and place another lien on the property. Jim Meece seconded this motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VII: OLD BUSINESS:

- Jim Meece stated he had a meeting Friday with Brown and Brown about RX Pharmacy contract.

VIII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Parke County Sheriff, Justin Cole: None

Parke County Highway, Randy Norman:

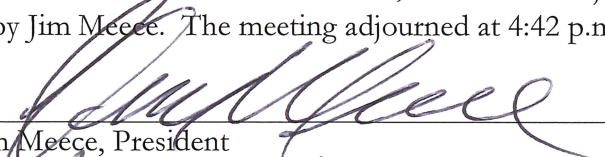
- Nick Sauter opened the Highway Bids for the Community Crossing Jobs. Only one bid came in from Milestone Contractor.
- Randy Norman provided an update on paving. He stated all the contracted paving is completed and their paving material is made and curing. Chip-n-seal will be beginning soon.
- Dan R. Collom asked Randy Norman to look into the evergreen trees that hang over the road way on Bridgeton Road and New Discovery. They will look into talking to property owner or trimming of the trees by the county.
- Jim Meece stated the Historical Society will be getting an old road grader and would like to use the Highway Department low boy to transport the road grader. Jim Meece made the motion to allow the Historical Society to use the low boy to transport the road grader. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Partnership Parke County, Cyndi Todd:

- Cyndi Todd reminded the Board and Randy Norman about the Community Crossing Grant list of roads is due soon. They stated they would do a ride along to figure out a road list.
- Cyndi Todd provided an update on the progress of new website. They are almost done with the user test phase and soon they will be done with the credit card portion.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- X. ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Dan R. Collom and seconded by Jim Meece. The meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.



Jim Meece, President

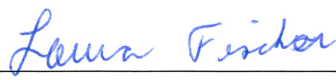


Dan R. Collom, 1st Vice President

Absent 

Bruce Hartman, 2nd Vice President

ATTEST:



Laura Fischer,
Parke County Auditor