

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 15, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER: The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 15th, 2022, having adjourned from a regular meeting on Monday, August 1st, 2022.

II. ROLL CALL: Members present were Commissioner Dan R. Collom, First Vice President; Bruce Hartman, Second Vice President; Laura Fischer, Auditor; Nicole Collings, First Deputy Auditor; and County Attorney Nick Sauter. Also, present were John Martin, Pam Sanders, Jessica Lancaster, Randy Norman, Stacie Amerman and Cyndi Todd. Absent was Commissioner Jim Meece, President.

III. MINUTES: Minutes for the regular meeting held on August 1st, 2022 were tabled.

IV. PAYROLL: County payroll in the amount of \$189,696.96 was approved for release on Monday August 15th, 2022 on a motion made by Bruce Hartman and seconded by Dan R. Collom. The motion carried unanimously. Bruce Hartman made a motion acknowledging receipt of the Payroll Claims Accounts Payable Report in the amount of \$83,291.78. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

- The Chamber of Commerce asked the Board for permission to use the courthouse lawn for Chamber Business Day on September 24, 2022 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Bruce Hartman made the motion to allow the use of the courthouse lawn. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- The Extension Office presented to the Board a contract for Quadient for a postage meter. The Board will contact the Extension Office because the email stated that this was the annual contract but the contract was for 63 months. The Board tabled the contract until next meeting when they received more information on the contract.
- DNR submitted a letter to the Board about the change in administrative in nature by Superior Forest Products LLC and it was reviewed.
- A contract for Union Hospital and Sheriff's Department was before the Board for signatures. Nick Sauter looked over contract and talked to Justin Cole about it. The Board feels like they need to talk to the Sheriff's Department about the intent of the contract. The Board tabled the contract upon further review.
- Nick Sauter stated the next step with the employee that needs to pay the county back is to open up a small claims case. There could be some cost that the county occurs in opening the case. Dan R. Collom made the motion for Nick Sauter to pursue a small claims case. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Stacie Amerman from Hamilton Center asked to be placed on next months agenda.

VII: OLD BUSINESS: None

VIII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Parke County Sheriff, Justin Cole: None

Parke County Highway, Randy Norman:

- Randy Norman presented the next round of roads for the Community Crossing Grant 2022-2. The next set of roads estimated to cost \$389,944.75. Bruce Hartman made the motion to

approve the road projects for the seconded round. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- Randy Norman gave an update on the road paving stating that it is on hold because they ran out of material. He also provided update on employees. He stated that they lost another employee and interviewed two protentional employees this morning.

Parke County Auditor, Laura Fischer:

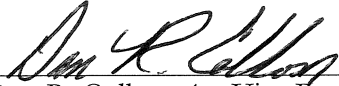
- Laura Fischer asked the Board about longevity for returning employees. Some employees are questioning how some people have quit and came back to receive longevity pay and others are not receiving it. Nick Sauter and the Board will look into the policy in place and review it. They asked Laura Fischer to provided them meeting minutes and the policy.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT: None


- X. ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Bruce Hartman and seconded by Dan R. Collom. The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

ABSENT

Jim Meece, President

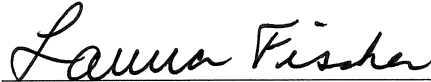


Dan R. Collom, 1st Vice President



Bruce Hartman, 2nd Vice President

ATTEST:



Laura Fischer,
Parke County Auditor