

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 1st, 2017

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 1st, 2017, having adjourned from a regular meeting on Monday, April 17th, 2017.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Members present were Commissioner Jim Meece, President; Dan R. Collom, First Vice President; Bruce Hartman, Second Vice President; Pam Adams, Auditor; Janie Hardman, 1st Deputy Auditor and County Attorney John Asbury. Also present were Mike Strack, Larry Bemis, Andy Thompson, Donald Thompson, Cyndi Todd, Justin Cole and Randy Norman.
- III. **MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on Monday, April 17th, 2017 were approved on a motion made by Dan Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The motion carried unanimously.
- IV. **PAYROLL:** County payroll in the amount of \$156,421.21 was approved for release on Monday, May 1st, 2017 on a motion made by Bruce Hartman. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Dan Collom made a motion acknowledging receipt of the Payroll Claims Accounts Payable Report in the amount of \$97,688.58. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- V. **CLAIMS:** After reviewing the Claims Docket, claims in the amount of \$348,139.99 were approved for release on May 1st, 2017 on a motion made by Dan Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The motion carried unanimously. Auditor Pam Adams stated the monthly claims include a contractual payment to Purdue University.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - Donald Thompson appeared before the Board to discuss trash being dumped at the end of 4th Street in Lena, Indiana. Thompson is interested in vacating said street so he will be able to fence off the area where trash is currently being dumped. Randy Norman said the Highway Department can temporarily block the street while Thompson completes the vacating process.
 - The ARSEE Engineers, Inc. minutes from Progress Meeting No. 2 and No. 3 for the Mansard roof project were presented for review.
 - Bruce Hartman made a motion to close the south ramp of the Courthouse to public access until further notice. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - Bruce Hartman made a motion approving the 2017 Congressional School Interest annual report. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - A claim acknowledgement from HCC TokioMarine was reviewed by the Board.
 - Dan Collom made a motion to allow the Parke County Ministerial Association use of the Courthouse lawn on May 4th, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. to observe the National Day of Prayer. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - The Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission (WRHCC) meeting agenda and minutes were presented for review. Jim Meece informed the Board he is seeking a \$1,000.00 grant from WRHCC for the Montezuma B&O Railroad Bridge project. Meece also mentioned the Parke County Community Foundation awarded a grant in the amount of \$3,900.00.
 - Cyndi Todd appeared before the Board to ask if the nine (9) parcels from the 2015 tax sale recently sold by the Redevelopment Commission would be able to have the 2016 payable 2017 property taxes removed. Auditor Adams cannot remove current property taxes, but will prepare a correction of error for each parcel and remove said taxes in the spring of 2018.
 - Auditor Adams presented a grant summary sheet to be used by all departments applying for a grant. This should prevent funds being deposited into the County's bank account without knowing their purpose.
- VII. The Indiana Association of County Commissioners Central District meeting will be Tuesday, June 27th, 2017 at Victory Field in Indianapolis, Indiana. Jim Meece will attend.
 - Dan Collom made a motion granting permission for Auditor Adams to set up two (2) grant funds for monies received from the Local Coordinating Council. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - The Clerk's monthly report was presented for review.
 - Dan Collom will fix the vandalism at the Crooks Covered Bridge this coming weekend.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS: None

IX. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Parke County Highway Department Superintendent, Randy Norman:

- Reported crews have been grinding Mansfield Road and have finished the work on Lambert Avenue.
- The Board reported areas of concern to Norman, specifically mowing brush along the roadways.
- Dan Collom made a motion to appoint Janie Hardman to the administrative assistant position at the Highway Department beginning June 5th, 2017. Hardman will train with Paula Peterson through January 2018. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Norman discussed extra signage near the Jackson Covered Bridge because of the detour on US 41 North at the Leatherwood Bridge.

Parke County Sheriff, Justin Cole:

- The Jail count for today was sixty-three; forty-four County, fifteen Department of Correction and four out-of-county.
- Presented the Department of Corrections (DOC) Report, Uniform Crime Report and Report of Collections for April 2017.
- Cole informed the Board he has approached the Council about funding meals for extra money so the County can house up to thirty (30) DOC inmates.
- Reported meth lab activity has decreased in Parke County.
- Cole is looking into building a storage shed for equipment with monies from the Federal Forfeiture fund.

X. PERSONS REQUESTING TIME ON THE AGENDA: None

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Andy Thompson appeared before the Board to discuss the old township road at Fallen Rock in Jackson Township. Thompson stated property values have decreased because of the lack of a maintained road. The Commissioners told Thompson last year they could not justify adding the road to the County inventory at the tax payers expense. Commissioner Meece stated he would drive out and look at the current road situation.

XII. ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Dan Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Jim Meece, President

Dan R. Collom, 1st Vice President

Bruce A. Hartman, 2nd Vice President

ATTEST:

Pam Adams, Auditor