

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 20, 2019

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 2019, having adjourned from a regular meeting on Monday, May 6, 2019.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Members present were Commissioners Jim Meece, President; Dan R. Collom, First Vice President; Laura J. Fischer, Auditor; Rhonda Montgomery, 1st Deputy Auditor; and County Attorney Nick Sauter. Also present were Elaine Waltz, Carol Fields, Pam Price, Pam Sanders, Kim Shorter, Amanda Driskell, Linda Evans, Sam Albrecht, Darrek Davis, Marilyn Davis, Julie Lanzone, Randy Norman and Levi Zook, Jr. Bruce Hartman, Second Vice President was absent.
- III. **MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meetings held on Monday, April 15 and May 6, 2019 were approved on a motion made by Dan Collom and seconded by Jim Meece. The motion carried unanimously.
- IV. **PAYROLL:** County payroll in the amount of \$176,971.48 was approved for release on Monday, May 20, 2019 on a motion made by Dan Collom. Jim Meece 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 \$161,861.45. Jim Meece seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- V. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - Elaine Waltz, President of the Covered Bridge Art Association ask Commissioners permission to conduct the Sidewalk Chalk Contest on the west or east side of the courthouse on June 1 from 3p-5p. This event will be held in conjunction with the annual Cruise-In. Jim Meece made a motion to grant the Covered Bridge Art Association approval to use the courthouse walkways for the contest. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - Linda Evans of Lyford, along with Counsel Joel Wesch of Wallace Law Firm, filed petition to vacate alley behind her residence located at 7616 South U.S. Highway 41, Rosedale address. The lots are #s 16-1, 2, & 3; 17-27, 28, 29 & 30 and are located in the William H. Bonners subdivision. Another resident objected to the purposed petition, claiming she could not go from one end of alley to her property at the other end of the alley. Right now she has access on both ends. Jim Meece tabled discussion on the petition until he could personally go look at the purposed vacation of alley. Commissioners will revisit the issue at next meeting June 3, 2019.
 - Commissioners reviewed the 2020 Census New Construction Program information. Meece suggested that either they work with the planning commission or E911 Director Hensley.
 - Auditor Laura J. Fischer presented the SRI contract for signatures. Jim Meece made a motion to enter into an agreement with SRI for the 2019 Tax Sale. Dan Collom seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- Auditor Laura J. Fischer requested permission to hang Covered Bridge pictures in the hallway of the courthouse. Commissioner Meece will consider maybe hanging the pictures on the stairway.
- Auditor Laura J. Fischer asked the Commissioners to consider changing the policy in the Employee Handbook to a one week advertisement period in the newspaper for new hire postings. There is nothing in the law that states it has to be advertised for two (2) weeks. Commissioner Meece explained that the time period is for the Department Heads to find a qualified candidate. No change to policy, posting will be advertised for two (2) weeks.
- Commissioner Meece made a motion to authorize the people who own the area formerly known as Craig Lane down by Fallen Rock, and encourage them to name the lane whatever they chose for 911 purposes. This approval does not imply a County commitment to build or maintain the road in anyway. Dan Collom seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
- Randy Norman presented a hand-typed check in the amount of \$13,301.52 payable to Clark Dietz for the county-wide bridge inspections. Dan Collom made a motion to approve the hand-typed check. Jim Meece seconded and the motion carried.

VI. OLD BUSINESS: none

VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Parke County Sheriff's Department – no report

Parke County Highway, Randy Norman:

- Norman reports that both patching machines and 3-4 hand-patching crews were out for the past two weeks.
- Norman reports that crews are almost finished in Rosedale.
- Norman advised the Board that crews have worked on county roads 900 & 1000 for the third time.
- Norman advised that we had previously discussed taking the beams off the structure at 1100 North (West of Bloomingdale Road and North of Sylvania), however he does not know how long he can keep the water out. Norman now advises that an aluminum structure is needed, at the cost of \$69,976.92, as opposed to the concrete structure at a cost of \$51,452.00. Jim Meece made a motion to approve the aluminum structure. Dan Collom seconded the motion and carried. The aluminum structure can be set by the Highway Department.
- Norman reports that he received a complaint on Slab Road, as the Highway Department was preparing the road for chip and seal, Norman gave approval to grind down some old Hawthorne trees eighteen feet from the side of the road. The resident who planted the trees will be filing with a claim with the insurance adjuster for reimbursement.
- Meece thanked Norman and the Highway Department crew for all the work they've done to maintain Parke County Roads.

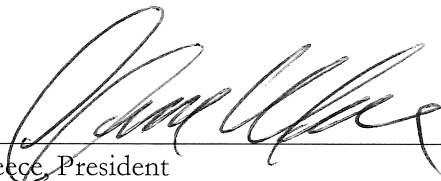
Parke County EMS Director, Julie Lanzone:

- Lanzone reported 71 responses thus far in May, with 64 transports.
- 2019 collections are at \$199,541.91, ahead of 2018 collections by \$31,337.12.
- Currently have 347 outstanding accounts totaling \$224,422.82.
- A total of 38 accounts are at the collection company and 9 accounts are in litigation.
- Lanzone advised the board that she received a letter in one litigation case requesting proof of debt. Attorney Sauter asked that the letter be forwarded to him.
- Lanzone submitted a written report for review.
- Med I hit a deer and after the adjuster visit sent a check directly to the body shop (Petersen's).
- Union Hospital Clinton recognized Peggy Wirth as a Community Hero by the staff and peers. Wirth has been a part of the Parke County Ambulance Service team for 30 years (November anniversary date).
- Next breakfast is schedule for July 21, 2019 at 9:00a.m

VIII. PERSONS REQUESTING TIME ON THE AGENDA: None

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Levi Zook, Jr. - Meece explains that Zook is the resident he has been speaking with in an effort to come up with best approach to address the buggy plate fees/procedures. Meece expects to have a proposal together for the Commissioners' review by fourth quarter

X. ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Dan Collom and seconded by Jim Meece. The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.



Jim Meece, President



Dan R. Collom, Vice President

ABSENT
Bruce Hartman, Second Vice President

ATTEST:



Laura J. Fischer, Auditor