

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**July 27, 2015**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 27th, 2015, having adjourned from a special meeting on Tuesday, July 14th, 2015.
- II. ROLL CALL:** Members present were Commissioners Jim Meece, President; Dan R. Collom, First Vice President; Bruce Hartman, Second Vice President; and Pam Adams, Auditor; and County Attorney John Asbury. Also present were Derrick Goodman, Rachel Jones, Katie Potter, Don Pruner, Cassie Wittenmyer, Paul Jones, Lois Jones, Stan Rukes, Bill Montgomery, Mary Jo Harkrider, Kristina Alexander, Justin Cole, Jack White, Larry Bemis and Pam Sanders.
- III. MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on Monday, July 6th, 2015 were approved with exceptions on a motion made by Bruce Hartman and seconded by Dan Collom. The motion carried unanimously. Minutes for the special meeting held on Tuesday, July 14th, 2015 were approved on a motion made by Bruce Hartman; the motion was seconded by Dan Collom and carried unanimously.
- IV. PAYROLL:** The Board reviewed County payroll in the amount of \$147,860.89, Jim Meece asked why the amount seemed lower than normal. Auditor Pam Adams stated there are open positions at the Sheriff's Department and Jail and there are some employees who are on unpaid medical leave. Payroll was approved for release on Monday, July 27th, 2015 on a motion made by Bruce Hartman. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Bruce Hartman made a motion acknowledging receipt of the Payroll Claims Accounts Payable Report in the amount of \$178,429.45. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The Board acknowledged receipt of the June Monthly Financial Report.

Commissioner President Jim Meece began the meeting by extending the Board's condolences to First Deputy Auditor Janie Hardman on the passing of her spouse.

**V. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Reviewed invoices for the Parke County Courthouse Clock Tower project. Dan Collom made a motion to approve two checks to be processed outside the regular claims cycle. One to Arsee Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$8,090.00 and the second to Bulley and Andrews Masonry Restoration, LLC in the amount of 232,949.84. The motion was seconded by Bruce Hartman and carried unanimously.
- Reviewed Progress Meeting Report #1 and Field Reports #005, #006 and #007 from Arsee Engineers, Inc. regarding the Courthouse Clock Tower Project.
- Custodian Don Pruner advised the Commissioners the HVAC system at the Emergency Services Building is twenty-five years old and it's failing. The I.T. Room is currently being cooled by a portable unit. Pruner requested to purchase another portable unit for \$400.00 and there will be an installation cost of approximately \$350.00. Pruner has gotten a quote, in the amount of \$1,880.00, to replace the compressor and condenser on the existing equipment. Pruner also has quotes from Beverly Heating and Air Conditioning and Irish Mechanical to replace the entire system. The quote from Beverly is in the amount of \$25,000.00 and the one from Irish Mechanical is for \$40,000.00. The Commissioners made a recommendation to proceed with the purchase of the portable unit and to take the quotes to replace the system to the County Council.
- EMS Director Terry Hensley presented paperwork to be signed for the previously approved USDA Grant that will be used to purchase a new vehicle for the Ambulance Service.
- Reviewed a request from Mainstreet Rockville to use the Courthouse lawn for the following in 2016:
  - Community Yard Sale – May 14 and August 6
  - Cruise In & Street Dance – June 4
  - Brick Street Market-Art Affair on the Square – June 25
  - Trick or Treat on the Square – October 31
  - Hometown Holidays – December 3 and December 4

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Dan Collom made a motion to allow Mainstreet Rockville the use of the Courthouse lawn for the stated purposes on the dates listed. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- Reviewed the revised Township Guidelines provided by the County Township Trustees.
- Assessor Katie Potter provided copies of a proposed agreement from the Schneider Corporation. Schneider has a web-based site called Beacon which is a subscription site for property records. Potter told the Board she met with a representative from Schneider and this agreement would allow Parke County's property records to be posted on the Beacon site; the information is normally used by 'searchers' who work for title and abstract companies. Bruce Hartman asked if Schneider would be able to sell our data, Potter was unsure on that point and stated she would inquire. Hartman went on to say that if the agreement allows Schneider to sell our data then Potter should check with the State Board of Accounts to see what their position on it is, since the Recorders had an issue in the past with companies selling data and the County not receiving any compensation. The agreement was tabled until the additional information requested could be presented.
- Veterans Service Officer Stan Rukes appeared to provide an update on activities within his office. From January through mid July he has processed 83 applications for disability compensation, interviewed 168 veterans (or veteran family members), transported 154 veterans to VA medical facilities. Since the middle of December last year there have been 329 walk-in veteran issues and 517 telephone calls answered by either Rukes or his assistant Bill Montgomery.
- Reviewed the State Department of Correction 215 Misdemeanant Fund report; Parke County will receive \$11,127.66 and the funds will arrive by check sometime after August 27, 2015.
- The Treasurer's and Plan Commission's monthly report were presented for review.

### VI. OLD BUSINESS:

- Jim Meece advised the Board that Patti Smith of Beam, Longest and Neff has requested a meeting regarding the disputed claim on Bridge 248 in Lena. The Board agreed to meet with Smith and County Attorney Asbury sometime after August 17th, 2015. Meece will get a firm date and time and notify everyone.

### VII. PERSONS REQUESTING TIME ON THE AGENDA:

Plan Commission Administrator Cassie Wittenmyer appeared before the Board with a **Certification to the Commissioners on Zoning Map Change**. The certification is a recommendation from the Parke County Advisory Plan Commission to change the zoning for the following real estate from AP-Ag Productive to CLB-Commercial Local Business:

Situated in Parke County, State of Indiana, to-wit:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot No. 18 in the Original plat of the Town of North Hampton; thence West 20 poles; thence South 27 ½ poles; thence East 20 poles; thence North 27 ½ poles to the place of beginning, containing three (3) acres and 70 poles more or less, excepting for the last above described tract, the following: Beginning Twenty-seven and one-half (27 ½) rods South of the Southeast Corner of Lot 18 in the Original Town of North Hampton (now Bellmore) thence North eighty (80) feet; thence West Three Hundred and twenty (320) feet; thence South eighty (80) feet; thence East Three Hundred and twenty (320) feet to the place of the beginning.

Commissioner Jim Meece asked if there were any persons who had an objection or concerns regarding a change to the zoning for the stated real estate.

Paul Jones who owns property adjacent to the described real estate stated he has several concerns, including but not limited to, drainage of flood waters, fencing around the proposed retention pond and additional traffic. Jones stated his property already gets flooded by as much as eight to ten feet when there is excessive rain. Lois Jones indicated she is concerned regarding the location of the proposed septic which she feels is too close to the well on her property.

Derrick Goodman, Project Coordinator for Foster Builders, Inc. was in attendance and stated they plan on installing a fence around the retention pond and it will either be six (6) feet or eight (8) feet in height. Meece asked how the water from the retention pond will be mitigated. Goodman stated they need to have the property surveyed and once that is completed they will have a better idea of what needs to be done.

The Board advised the Jones' several times that Foster Builders would not be responsible for fixing existing issues with flooding on adjacent landowner's property, but they cannot cause additional flooding to adjoining properties from improvements on their building site.

The Board requested Foster Builders, Inc. to provide additional information regarding the proposed project prior to the Commissioners considering approval of a change to the zoning.

**VIII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**Parke County Sheriff, Justin Cole:**

- The Jail count for today was forty-three. Thirty-six County, one DOC and six Out-Of-County inmates.
- Presented a proposed agreement from iRecord for a recording system for the interview room at the Jail. Cole stated monies for the system will come from a Parke County Local Coordinating Council Grant, Prosecutor Pre-Trial Diversion and the Forfeitures & Seizures Funs. County Attorney John Asbury will review the proposal and make a recommendation at the next regular Board of Commissioners meeting on August 3, 2015.
- Presented the Board with statistics report from the Jail's booking for the period beginning January 1, 2015 through July 24, 2015.

**Highway Supervisor, Randy Norman: Did not attend.**

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.**

**X. 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 5:50 p.m.

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Jim Meece, President

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Dan R. Collom, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

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Bruce A. Hartman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

ATTEST:

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Pam Adams, Auditor