

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 20th, 2015

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a special meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 20th, 2015, having adjourned from a regular meeting on Monday, August 17th, 2015.
- II. ROLL CALL:** Members present were Commissioners Jim Meece, President; Bruce Hartman, Second Vice President; Pam Adams and County Attorney John Asbury. Also present were Patti Smith, Randy Norman, John K. Pratt, Thomas E. Stambaugh, Katie Potter, Mary Alice Gregg, Mary Jo Harkrider, Pam Sanders, Larry Bemis, Toni Stinson and Brandy Asher.
- III. BUSINESS:**
- Jim Meece led a discussion regarding an invoice that was received from Beam, Longest & Neff for Parke County Bridge #248 located near Lena, IN. Meece stated he didn't feel that either Parke County or Beam, Longest & Neff were responsible for the delays in the bridge construction and it was a contractor issue. Patti Smith of Beam, Longest & Neff stated she spoke with her CEO and in order to continue with the business relationship between Parke County and B-L-N, they have determined to negate the invoice. Meece stated that the County will pay if they are responsible and doesn't want to get a reputation for not meeting our obligations. The contract for the bridge was pulled and reviewed and Parke County does bear the responsibility for the overages. Smith indicated again that B-L-N isn't going to pursue the matter of collecting on the invoice. Meece reiterated that if Parke County owes the money we will make payment and if B-L-N doesn't want the full amount we will pay half of the invoice. Smith said she would discuss it with her CEO and let us know.
 - Toni Stinson of Apex Benefits Group appeared to go over 2015 County health insurance information and preliminary renewal information for 2016. Stinson reported utilization was low, but it may be because the plan is 'immature'. Renewal projections with the current plan would be an approximate 7.7% increase over 2015. It was determined after a lengthy discussion that Stinson will present the Commissioners with several options regarding renewal of the County Health Insurance plan, including increasing the employee premium amounts, adjusting deductible amounts, increasing dependent premiums and leaving employee's the same. County Council President John Pratt stated it has come to the point where the Council will budget a set amount for health insurance and the Commissioners will have to make it work. Pratt stated they County can no longer afford to increase the insurance budget the way that it has been in the past. Stinson indicated she will make sure to bring multiple options with the renewal information later this year.
- IV. ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Bruce Hartman and seconded by Jim Meece. The meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Jim Meece, President

absent
Dan R. Collom, 1st Vice President

Bruce A. Hartman, 2nd Vice President

ATTEST:

Pam Adams, Auditor