

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
October 2nd 2017

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 2nd, 2017, having adjourned from a special meeting on Friday, September 22nd, 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; Laura Fischer, 1st Deputy Auditor and County Attorney John Asbury. Also present were Mike Strack, Larry Bemis, Janie Hardman, Randy Norman, Amy Hensley, Toni Stinson and Helen Osborne.
- III. MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meetings held on September 5th, 2017 and on Monday, September 18th, 2017 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 \$158,579.81 was approved for release on Monday, October 2nd, 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 \$97,008.43. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- V. CLAIMS:** After reviewing the Claims Docket, claims in the amount of \$645,534.76 were approved for release on October 2nd, 2017 on a motion made by Bruce Hartman and seconded by Dan Collom. The motion carried unanimously.
- VI. NEW BUSINESS:**
- Received a letter from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources on the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regarding dual review of the US Highway 41 Bridge over Roaring Creek. This bridge has been identified as eligible for National Register of Historic Places.
 - Commissioner Jim Meece displayed the grant check for 2017 Community Crossing Awards for amount of \$588,705.50. These funds will be used for road projects in the County.
 - Meece requested authorization to spend up to \$500.00 for postage to mail Low and Moderate Income (LMI) studies to select Parke County addresses. After Partnership Parke County Executive Director Cyndi Todd received and compiled data from the prior mailing of surveys the county had sixty-one (61%) percent in the low to moderate income range. Meece stated that Todd believes an additional mailing of LMI surveys could potentially reduce that number to fifty-one percent (51%), which would increase the County's eligibility for grants. Bruce Hartman made motion to acknowledge postage fund and Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - Meece met with Parke County REMC and walked Whitetail Road to food pantry. REMC plans to install new electric service along the west side of the road and remove the lines that are currently there. REMC will also cut back the brush along either side of the road. Meece stated the County Highway maintains the road, but the property along the side actually belongs to the railroad.
 - Parke County Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals September report was reviewed by the Board.
 - The Clerk's monthly report for September was reviewed.
- VII. OLD BUSINESS:**
- County Attorney John Asbury presented a letter to Commissioners from Thomas Emery, who represents Alma Lake Fishing Club. The letter indicates negotiations regarding a right of way to parcels at Alma Lake are ongoing.
 - Independent contractor agreement(s) for temporary food inspectors for the Covered Bridge Festival were reviewed. Asbury confirmed the documents are the same that have been used for the past several years by the Parke County Health Department for temporary inspectors. The Board agreed to accept the contracts as submitted.

VIII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Parke County Highway, Randy Norman:

- Submitted quarterly service records for the Highway Department employees.
- Jim Meece requested for the County Highway to clean out a ditch that is causing blockage to a drainage pipe near the Jason Bush property at Lodi.
- Requested signatures for State reimbursement for bridge inspections, in the amount of \$352,587.00.
- Norman reported that all of the paving is done and crews are finishing up with chipping and sealing, County Road 400 South, Crooks Bridge Road and Buffalo Road still need to be completed.
- Norman stated he didn't know if there would be time to mark the vendor set-backs for the Covered Bridge Festival. Jim Meece stated he would like for the set-backs to be marked in Mansfield and Bridgeton if at all possible. Norman said they would try to get it done.
- Dan Collom requested to have No Parking signs put up in the alley that runs between Allen Street and the Mill in Bridgeton. Individuals parking in the alley has become issue on Fridays and Saturdays when access is being blocked. Bruce Hartman made a motion to adopt **Same Day, Same Meeting Parke County Ordinance 2017-08** and to adopt **Parke County Ordinance 2017-08** which establishes a no parking zone on Mill Alley (the alley running between Allen Street and the Mill) in the Town of Bridgeton, Raccoon Township and to have the no parking zone posted as such. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Parke County EMA / E911, Amy Hensley:

- Reported Emergency Management has applied for four Homeland Security grants, which total \$69,698.00. The grants are for Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Services (Ambulance) and the Parke County Sheriff's Department. All four are reimbursable grant that require the County to expend the funds and the State will then reimburse the County.
- Hensley reported she received notification from the National Weather Service (NWS) that Parke County has been placed on the NWS drought list in the D-1 category. Meece stated rain is in the forecast and he would like to avoid adopting a burn ban if possible. Hensley recommended reviewing the situation in the middle of next week, October 11th or 12th, and if necessary an emergency meeting can be called.

IX. PERSONS REQUESTING TIME ON THE AGENDA:

APEX Benefits Group, Toni Stinson, appeared for renewal cost of county health insurance. Toni presented Anthem renewal came in at 17.4% increase and did come down to 14.5%. Meece stated the County Council adopted the 2018 Budget with a five percent (5%) increase for County Health Insurance. Stinson advised the Commissioners that the quote from United Health Care came in at a cost of \$2,505,861.00 which would save the County half a million dollars over the Anthem renewal.

Stinson informed the Commissioners the new plan does include a spousal carve out, which will require working spouses with available health coverage to obtain health insurance through their own employers. If a spouse is not employed or is on Medicare, then the spouse would still be eligible for coverage through the County health insurance plan.

The new health plan offers ninety-six percent (96%) of current the current health care providers. The pharmaceutical coverage and the Wellness for Life clinic benefit will remain the same. Stinson also stated that another change will be Health Savings Account (HSA) and Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) contributions will remain at \$1,300.00 for single plans and \$2,600.00 for employee and spouse, employee and children and family plans. The employee portion of the premiums will increase by one percent (1%) which will make the County responsible for eighty-eight percent (88%) and the employee responsible for twelve percent (12%) in 2018.

The Board agreed to remain with Anthem for the voluntary employee dental and vision insurance and One America for the County employee life insurance.

Bruce Hartman made motion to approve United Health Care for the employee health insurance policy, to renew with Anthem for dental and vision insurance and renew with One America for the employee life insurance policy. Dan Collom second the motion and it carried unanimously.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Resident Helen Osborne appeared before the Board to advise them County Road 1000 east of Ferndale is in poor condition and would like to know when it can be resurfaced. Jim Meece asked Randy Norman when the road is scheduled on the County road plan, Norman indicated he believes it is scheduled as a road project for next year, but he will get a crew out to patch it for now.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Bruce Hartman and seconded by Dan Collom. The meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Jim Meece, President

Dan R. Collom, 1st Vice President

Bruce A. Hartman, 2nd Vice President

ATTEST:

Pam Adams, Auditor