

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 20, 2021

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 20th, 2021, having adjourned from a regular meeting on Monday, December 6th, 2021.
- II. ROLL CALL:** Members present were Commissioner Jim Meece, President, Dan R. Collom, First Vice President, Bruce Hartman, Second Vice President. Nicole Collings, First Deputy Auditor; and County Attorney Nick Sauter. Also, present were John Martin, Cyndi, Todd, Randy Norman, Spencer Deery, Mark Davis, Betty Coleman, Mike Myers, Mike Grimes, Phil and Norah Kattael. Laura Fischer, Auditor was absent.
- III. MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on December 6th, 2021 were approved on a motion made by Dan R. Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The motion carried unanimously.
- IV. PAYROLL:** County payroll in the amount of \$175,950.76 was approved for release on Monday, December 6th, 2021 on a motion made by Dan R. Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The motion carried unanimously. Dan R. Collom made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the Payroll Claims Accounts Payable Report in the amount of \$49,839.39 and \$80,205.53. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- V. NEW BUSINESS:**
- Jim Meece introduced Spencer Deery who is running for Senate for the district. He worked under Mitch Daniels at Purdue as an aide. Spencer Deery would like to see rural counties move forward and making his decision with all the facts.
 - Three hand typed checks were presented to the Board. They were for Joe Evans for \$250.00, Cleaver Cabling & Consulting for \$900.00 and NMS Labs for \$217.00. Dan R. Collom made the motion to approve the hand typed checks. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - Mark Davis with Parke Trail Alliance was present to ask the Board for them to submit a letter for a legal survey. This survey would not cost the county for it to be done. Jim Meece made the motion to have Nick Sauter to write the letter to have legal survey. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Mike Myers with Otterbein Methodist Church asked the Board to consider adding a nativity on the courthouse lawn. The church would like to put it on the northwest corner of the square. Jim Meece stated that he had done some research into placing a nativity on the courthouse lawn. He had looked into Supreme Court rulings and found that the nativity represents a historical figure birth and can be represented as long as it was just this scene. Dan R. Collom made the motion to allow the nativity on the courthouse lawn. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - The Commissioner Calendar was up for review again. Since, October 17, 2022 is now a holiday for the county, the commissioner meeting scheduled for October 17th will need to be moved to Tuesday, October 18, 2022. Jim Meece made motion to move the meeting. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - Katie Potter, Assessor, submitted her recommendations for Property Tax Board of Appeals. Bruce Hartman made the motion to accept Katie Potter's recommendations for the Property Tax Board of Appeals. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion pass unanimously.

- Henry Harper, Clerk asked the Board to consider Resolution 2021-13 Adopting District Lines. Jim Meece made the motion to accept the Resolution 2021-13 Adopting District Lines. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Joint Resolution 2021-11 was presented to the Board. This resolution for Premium Pay from the American Rescue Plan Act. Bruce Hartman made the motion to adopt the Resolution 2021-11. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed and will be sent to the Council for their approval.
- Joint Resolution 2021-12 Matching Funds for the Broadband Next Level Grant was up for consideration of the Board. Bruce Hartman made the motion to adopt the Resolution 2021-12. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed and will be sent to the Council for their approval.
- Nick Sauter presented Ordinance 2021-13 Amending the Salary Ordinance and Employee Handbook to Add Overtime Pay for Specific Parke County Public Safety Positions to the Board. Bruce Hartman made the motions for same day same meeting and adoption of the Ordinance 2021-13. Dan R. Collom seconded the motions. Motions passed.
- Nick Sauter also presented Ordinance 2021-14 Prohibiting the Unauthorized Alteration of County Property. Bruce Hartman made the motions for same day same meeting and adoption of Ordinance 2021-14. Dan R. Collom seconded the motions. Motions passed unanimously.
- Department of the Army submitted a letter for Civil Works- Planning, Programs and Project Management Branch Planning Section. The letter was reviewed.
- DNR submitted a letter stating that Davis House located in Rockville will become a historical site. It was reviewed.
- The Board reviewed the letter submitted by IDEM.
- Jim Meece stated that they should have someone create a web page for the American Rescue Plan Grant Money. Jim Meece made the motion to allow him to get quotes to create a web page. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VII: OLD BUSINESS: None

VIII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- **Parke County Highway, Randy Norman:**
 - Randy Norman presented a certificate state use for nonprofit for fuel bids. Bruce Hartman made the motion to sign the certificate. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - Randy Norman presented a hand type check for Lucas Collom for work done on the Sim Smith Bridge. Bruce Hartman made the motion to approve the hand type check for \$19,200.00. Jim Meece seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Randy Norman provided the Board a progress report on road work. There will be three new culverts installed and they are getting ready to order supplies. Three trucks are out of service for repairs. Randy Norman stated that they have 13 trucks available for snow removal. They are down one person.
- **Parke County Redevelopment, Cindy Todd:**
 - Cyndi Todd provided an update that the Housing Assessment is active now. It can be accessed on their website and Facebook page. Also, it will be running in the newspaper. This is for people who live or work in the county. It will be open until the end of January.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

X. **ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Dan R. Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.



Jim Meece, President

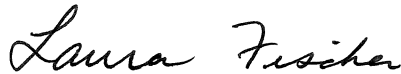


Dan R. Collom, 1st Vice President



Bruce Hartman, 2nd Vice President

ATTEST:



Laura Fischer,
Parke County Auditor