

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 21, 2020

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 21st 2020, having adjourned from a regular meeting on Monday, December 7, 2020.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Members present were Commissioners Jim Meece, President; Dan R. Collom, First Vice-President; Bruce Hartman, Second Vice President; Henry Harper, First Deputy Auditor; Tammy Thomas, Third Deputy Auditor; and County Attorney Nick Sauter. Also present were Pam Sanders, Gretchen Wittenmyer-Stone, Cyndi Todd, Chris Newcomb, Randy Norman, Chris O'Brien, and John Martin.
- III. **MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting on December 7, 2020 were approved upon a motion made by Dan R. Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman, the motion carried unanimously.
- IV. **PAYROLL:** County payroll in the amount of \$176,729.71 was approved for release on Monday, December 21st, 2020 on a motion made by Dan R. Collom. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Dan R. Collom made a motion acknowledging receipt of the Payroll Accounts Payable Report in the amount of \$617,508.82. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- V. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - The Board reviewed requests for the following checks to be processed outside of the regular claims cycle: Travelers \$1,771.00; Quill \$312.85; Family Health & Help \$685.00; Jeff Norman Construction \$6,245.00; Deckard Engineering \$2,800.00; and The Sign Center \$3,055.00. Jim Meece made a motion to allow the hand typed checks, Dan R. Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - Resolution 2020-? regarding Raccoon Township Properties transfer to Mager & Sons Farms. This resolution needs a number assigned and to be attested to. It has already been signed.
 - Approval is needed by the Board for an amendment to the county health insurance for telemedicine. Telehealth coverage will be added to the plan and is being retro'd back to 3/1/20. Bruce Hartman made the motion to add the telehealth coverage to the insurance plan. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
 - Cyndi Todd from Redevelopment is pursuing the \$200,000 non-matching Community Connections for People with Disabilities Grant. She is working with CARS as the sub-recipient. A Sub-recipient agreement is required and must be signed by both parties. Ms. Todd is requesting the Commissioners signatures at this meeting, then pass the paperwork to CARS to collect their signatures. Jim Meece made the motion for the commissioners to sign the agreement contingent upon County Attorney Sauter's seeing the final copy before being submitted. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
 - Cyndi Todd also asked for approval to pursue OCRA Phase 3 COVID-19 response grant that will be used to form the Parke County Food Security Alliance. This Alliance will include every organization in the county that is doing food supply. Parke County Community Foundation will be the pass-through entity. The motion was made by Jim Meece to sign the document contingent upon County Attorney Sauter's examination of the final document before submission. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- Cyndi Todd brought to the Board's attention that there is an acre of property in the old LAB facility that is in Mr. Wynkoop's property deeded to Parke County Indiana. This property is where a bridge used to be. Ms. Todd asked the Board's opinion on selling this acre of land. Commissioner Collom suggested waiting until the bids are awarded January 26, 2021 and see if the neighbors would like to purchase it since the parcel is land-locked.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

- Ordinance 2020-26 regarding the placement of stop signs in Bridgeton has been re-written by County Attorney Nick Sauter because of the mapping errors as originally worded. Jim Meece made the motion to adopt ordinance 2020-26 as revised by Attorney Sauter. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Jim Meece received a request from Councilman Roy Wrightsman regarding access to the Harris Financial System for budget purposes. Councilman Wrightsman stated that his access has been denied. Jim Meece made the motion to allow Councilman Wrightsman read-only access to the Harris Financial System. The motion was seconded by Dan R. Collom and it passed unanimously.
- The COVID-19 Grant invoice for Barnes & Thornburg to review the invoices to ensure their eligibility for re-payment is not eligible itself to be paid out of the grant money. Jim Meece made the motion that it be paid out of the Commissioner's litigation fee fund. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- The Board reviewed the 2021 Transient Merchant License form. The 2021 Transient Merchant License (TML) was approved on a motion made by Dan R. Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The motion passed unanimously.
- Jim Meece requested that the election board be updated on the Parke County website. Bill Ferguson needs to be changed to Stacy Perrine. Third Deputy Auditor Tammy Thomas offered to make this change.
- Drainage ditch on SR 59 around Bellmore needs cleaned out and dredged. Parke County does not have a drainage board; therefore, the necessary parties will need to draw up a petition and the property in question will be reviewed by a surveyor, who will make the decision of water impediment. Two of the parties will need to be in agreement (petitioner, respondent, surveyor, or commissioners) for the work on the ditch to begin and the cost shared among all who drain into the ditch depending on how many acres drain into it.
- Certified budget is in and the tax rates have been approved.
- The Maple Fair is coming up and the Commissioner's will have to decide how to handle it with COVID still going on. This will be the last weekend in February and the first weekend in March 2021.

VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Parke County Sheriff, Justin Cole: absent

Parke County Rockville Lake, Chris Newcomb:

The 5-year plan has been sent to the DNR. DNR reviewed and sent back, Chris made revisions and returned. The final submission is in April. The DNR uses this plan to award grants for the park.

Parke County EMT, Julie Lanzone: absent

Parke County EMA/E911, Chris O'Brien:

Finishing up on the second Cares Fund request. \$55,000 awarded to Parke County for Safety Awareness and enforcing, implementing, and drawing up safety plans. Looking to recoup money used for the county nurse and courthouse security.

Parke County Highway Supervisor Randy Norman:


- Sealed bids on trade in tandem axle dump truck. Kneiser awarded truck with bid of \$5,526.30
- INDOT contract with Community Crossings Grant \$938,990.76. Bruce Hartman and Dan R. Collom signed to okay Jim Meece to sign grant document.
- Bought a low boy trailer for \$30,000
- Title for tandem axle dump truck sold in sealed bids presented to Jim Meece to sign
- Emergency Weight limit signs being put up.
- Highway department stockpiling supplies in preparation for lower budget in the next couple of years.

VIII. PERSONS REQUESTING TIME ON THE AGENDA: none

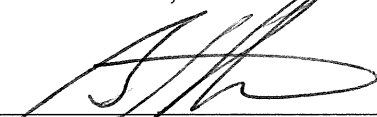
IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

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 4:45 p.m.

Jim Meece, President

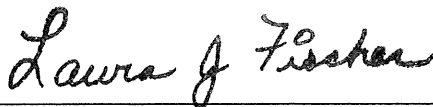


Dan R. Collom, 1st Vice President



Bruce Hartman, 2nd Vice President

ATTEST:



Laura Fischer
Auditor