

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 6, 2021

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 6th, 2021, having adjourned from a regular meeting on Monday, November 15th, 2021.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Members present were Commissioner Jim Meece, President, Dan R. Collom, First Vice President; Bruce Hartman, Second Vice President; Laura Fischer, Auditor; Nicole Collings, First Deputy Auditor; and County Attorney Nick Sauter. Also, present were John Martin, Jessica Lancaster, Ronja Branson, George Smith, Karla Losin, Cyndi Todd, Justin Cole, Rick Anderson, and Randy Norman.
- III. **MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on November 15th, 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 \$190,211.22 was approved for release on Monday, November 11th, 2021 on a motion made by Dan R. Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The motion carried unanimously. County payroll in the amount of \$180,593.23 was approved for release on Monday, November 23rd, 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 \$76,365.43. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- V. **CLAIMS:** After reviewing the Claims Docket, claims in the amount of \$519,431.16 were approved for release on December 6th, 2021 on a motion made by Bruce Hartman and seconded by Dan R. Collom. The motion carried unanimously.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - Jim Meece provided an update on the door restoration progress. The east side doors are done and north side are being worked on right now. The Board agreed on \$80.00 per hour rate with \$1,000.00 deposit. Jim Meece made the motion for the out of cycle check to Brown's Revintage for \$3,273.00. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - The State entered into a lawsuit with opioids distributor. The county will participate in the Agreement for Distributor and Janssen Settlement Agreements. Jim Meece made the motion for the Auditor to sign the documents for the suit after informing the Board of the documents. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - Karla Losin with Branson Insurance was there to present the Board the renewal proposal. Workman Compensation claims have gone up with 24 claims in 2020 with 15 of those claims being record only. Karla Losin believes the county safety meeting with the departments have helped with the claims being submitted. Bruce Hartman made the motion to accept the workman compensation insurance for \$116,402.00. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - George Smith presented a bid for renewal for Travelers Insurance. He did shop around for other companies to present bids. They declined to submit bids. Travelers's bid will not include cyber insurance because the county doesn't have MFA. Jim Meece then made the motion for Randy Cleaver with IT to look into getting MFA for the county. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed. The renewal rate for Travelers Insurance came in at \$223,154.00 a nine percent increase. He did have a last-minute bid for McGowan Group for \$210,208.00 which he did not have much information on. Dan R. Collom made the motion for George Smith the accept the Travelers Insurance bid. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Rick Anderson was present at the meeting to touch base with the Board. He does utilities analysis for his company. Rick Anderson would act as general contractor in the service that he offers. Jim

Meece said he was interested in seeing about a chiller. Rick Anderson said that he would get the Board a list of references to check into his companies work.

- Cyndi Todd and Ronja Branson of Bloomingdale Home Telephone were present to speak to the Board about Next Level Connection Broadband Grant. Ronja Branson submitted a letter telling the history of Bloomingdale Telephone to the Board. The grant they are applying for will service 43 locations and do a pass by of 76 locations. These locations would be in Bloomingdale, Coloma, and Rockville. They are asking the Board to consider a matching dollar amount to use in the grant application. The Board said they would take this to ARPA committee meeting.
- Jim Meece brought back up the discussion on the worn-out chiller in the courthouse. The chiller is 22 years old and is leaking coolant. Irish Mechanical has been out and has not found the source of the leak. Jim Meece will get with Matt Stechley with Core Facilities to see if he could go out and get estimates before summer.
- The Board reviewed the Commissioner Appointments that will be expiring in 2021. The Board appointed Lisa Wrightsman to the Library Board for another four-year term. Dan R. Collom made the motion to add Stephanie Loss to the Health Board and have Mary Pierce be acting as the attorney only for the Health Board. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion. The Board will remove Rick Thompson from the Planning Commission Board and have his seat vacant. The Board tabled the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals until Katie Potter provides her recommendation to the Board. Jim Meece made the motion to approve all appointments as is except for the ones mentioned above. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- The Board reviewed the Schedules for the county.
 - Jim Meece made the motion to amend the 2022 Holiday Schedule to have Columbus Day fall on Monday, October 17, 2022. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Jim Meece made the motion to approve the 2022 Claims Calendar. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Jim Meece made the motion to approve the 2022 Payroll Calendar. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Jim Meece made the motion to approve the 2022 Commissioners Meeting Schedule. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion.
- Holt Law Firm submitted a letter to the Board about misuse of a picture on a website. Jim Meece stated the website was not owned by the county and the lawsuit would be in error. The Facebook account hasn't been active since 2017. The Board will not do anything unless a suit is filed.
- J.U.G.A Bellmore Fire department presented the Board with a letter asking their consideration of using some of the ARPA Grant money for their department. The Board will take their request to the ARPA Committee.
- DNR submitted a letter for the appointment of their member. This was addressed earlier in the meeting.

VII: OLD BUSINESS:

- The Board revisited the resolution for comp time for the Sheriff's department. They will have Nick Sauter write up a resolution to accompany the resolution passed by the council dealing with the end of comp time pay.

VIII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Parke County Sheriff, Justin Cole: None

Parke County Highway Department Superintendent, Randy Norman:

- Since the time to submit the bids for the county highway projects ended earlier in the day, Nick Sauter opened the bid packets for Randy Norman. Randy Norman will review the bids and bring his recommendations to the Board.
- Randy Norman stated that Nyesville Road was now open up but they still have some work to complete on it.
- Two of the highway trucks are down for various issues.
- Randy Norman provided to the Board a list of equipment that he would like to get rid of. He asked the Board for their approval to get an estimate on the price of the equipment and have it sold. Dan R. Collom made the motion for the approval to get estimates on the cost of the equipment that he would like to sell. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Parke County Aggregates has expressed interest in purchasing the county gravel screen. Randy Norman stated it could be sold or traded for clean gravel. Right now, the gravel screen is just sitting there and not being used. The Board agreed to let Randy get pricing on the screen and bring it back to them.
- Randy Norman reported back to the Board that he talked to the engineer and that for the estimate/report for Bridge 32 Bridgeton concrete bridge would be \$5,000. Jim Meece made the motion to approval for Randy Norman to have the engineers provide this report for them to review. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Randy Norman had a document that needed approval for the Commissioners to e-sign documents for the contract with IDOT for the Community Crossing Grant. Jim Meece will look into the information provided further.
- Randy Norman stated that he needed approval to seek bids for a new dump truck. This would be for January and February of 2022. Jim Meece signed the approval for them to seek bids for a new dump truck. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed.

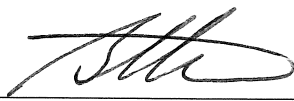
IX. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

X. ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Jim Meece and seconded by Dan R. Collom. The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Jim Meece, President

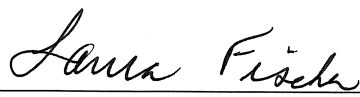


Dan R. Collom, 1st Vice President



Bruce Hartman, 2nd Vice President

ATTEST:



Laura Fischer,
Parke County Auditor