

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 6th, 2025

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 6th, 2025, having adjourned from a regular meeting on Monday, September 15th, 2025.
 - II. **ROLL CALL:** Members present were Dan Collom, first Vice President; Bruce Hartman, Second Vice President; Nick Sauter, Commissioner's Attorney; Susan Kramer, Auditor; and Leanna Collisi, 2nd Deputy Auditor. Also, present were Jessica Lancaster, Ray Leonberger, Sharon Earl, Liddy Dowd-Wright, Kim Shorter, Chris O'Brien, Jason Frazier and Mandy Adams-Washburn.
 - III. **MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on Monday, September 15th, 2025 were tabled.
- I. **PAYROLL:**

Note: **The Parke County Board of Commissioners is not approving authenticity of the claims presented but are approving what claims are received.**

County payroll in the amount of \$285,569.58, Highway Department employee wages in the amount of \$645.00 and Union Hospital Security payroll in the amount of \$4,053.64 were approved for release on Monday, October 6th, 2025 on a motion made by Bruce Hartman. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Acknowledgement of receipt of Payroll Claims Accounts Payable Report for October 6th, 2025 in the amount of \$445,770.80 was approved on a motion made by Bruce Hartman. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Accounts Payable Claims in the amount of \$1,164,406.20 were approved on a motion made by Bruce Hartman. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - II. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - There were two out of cycle check requests that needed to be approved. The first claim voucher request was from Milestone for \$241,394.10 regarding the Hilltop and Angle Roads. The second claim voucher request was from PNC Equipment Finance for \$3,306.27 regarding the lease payment on the wheel loader. Bruce Hartman made the motion to approve the out of cycle check requests from Milestone and PNC Equipment Finance. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - Liddy Dowd-Wright presented the Parke County Board of Commissioners with the Independent Contractors Agreement for the Covered Bridge Festival Health Inspectors. Currently, Liddy Dowd-Wright has four health inspectors lined up for the Covered Bridge Festival. This is a normal number of health inspectors that she has each year. Bruce Hartman made the motion to approve the Independent Contractors Agreement for the Covered Bridge Festival Health Inspectors. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - Chris O'Brien presented a Grant Request for Salary Reimbursement from the State of Indiana to the Parke County Board of Commissioners. Parke County will be reimbursed \$18,450.00 which goes towards Chris O'Brien's salary each year. Bruce Hartman made the motion to approve the Grant Request for Salary Reimbursement from the State of Indiana. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - Susan Kramer, Parke County Auditor, submitted Matt Romalia's 2026 list of county road projects to the Parke County Board of Commissioners. The Parke County Commissioners had several questions for Matt Romalia, who was not in attendance. The first question was if this project list was covered by the Community Crossings Grant and if so, we only have thirty miles of paving that is covered by the grant. Dan Collom suggested contacting Matt Romalia to discuss his plans for the 2026 list of Parke County Road Projects.

- Susan Kramer presented the Parke County Board of Commissioners with a Gradall Excavator Lease for the Parke County Highway Department that needs to be signed by Jim Meece, President of the Parke County Board of Commissioners. Since Jim Meece is not in attendance, Dan Collom made a motion to allow Jim Meece to sign the lease agreement on the Gradall Excavator at the Parke County Auditor's Office. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Ordinance 2025-13 Amending Ordinance 2009-12 to Prohibit Transient Merchants Conducting Business in Parke County, Indiana from selling certain disabling devices during the Parke County Covered Bridge Festival. Nick Sauter further explained that this ordinance prohibits vendors from using their TMLs to sell stun guns, tasers or cattle prods. Nick Sauter also stated that this ordinance would need to be approved as same day, same meeting. The ordinance would also need to be published in the newspaper within thirty days. Bruce Hartman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-13 Amending 2009-12 to Prohibit Transient Merchants Conducting Business in Parke County, Indiana from selling certain disabling devices during the Parke County Covered Bridge Festival. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Bruce Hartman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-13 Amending 2009-12 to Prohibit Transient Merchants Conducting Business in Parke County, Indiana from selling certain disabling devices during the Parke County Covered Bridge Festival as same day, same meeting. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

- None

IV. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Jason Frazier, Parke County Sheriff:

- Jason Frazier informed the Parke County Board of Commissioners that the grease trap at the Parke County Jail needs to have a clean out installed. He has only one estimate so far for \$5,324.00. The Commissioners suggested that Jason Frazier get a second estimate and go with the lowest price to install the clean out for the grease trap. Dan Collom made a motion to approve Jason Frazier choosing the lowest priced estimate to install the clean out for the grease trap because it needs to be done as soon as possible. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Jason Frazier stated that Deputy Stonebraker had lost 57.588 vacation hours due to his anniversary hire date. Jason Frazier asked the Parke County Board of Commissioners if Deputy Stonebraker's lost vacation hours could be reinstated. Bruce Hartman made a motion to reinstate 57.588 vacation hours for Deputy Stonebraker. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Jason Frazier asked the Parke County Board of Commissioners for permission to sell a 2003 maintenance truck with the VIN# 82046 on GovDeals.com. Dan Collom made a motion to approve the 2003 maintenance truck as surplus and to be sold on GovDeals.com. Jim Meece can sign the title at the Parke County Auditor's office. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Roy Freed, a Parke County Resident, lead a discussion regarding a private road usage for a school bus turnaround. Roy Freed has been a homeowner in the West Wood Estates for forty years. His home is located on a private road; however, a school bus accesses this private road. He feels the bus should not be allowed to use his private road especially since he also maintains it. There are

other public roads the school bus can use to turnaround. Roy Freed recently put new gravel down and the bus goes flying down the road. He stated that there is a twenty mile per hour speed limit sign on the private road, but enforcement is another problem because the Sheriff cannot enforce the private road speed limit. Dan Collom suggested that Roy Freed talk with the School Board or Superintendent regarding the school bus using his private road. The next school board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 22nd, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. The Parke County Board of Commissioners cannot enforce anything on a private road either.

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 4:22 p.m.

absent

Jim Meece, President

Dan R. Collom

Dan R. Collom, 1st Vice President

Bruce A. Hartman

Bruce A. Hartman, 2nd Vice President

ATTEST:

Susan Kramer

Susan Kramer, Auditor