

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 20th, 2026

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 20th, 2026, having adjourned from a regular meeting on Monday, July 6th, 2026.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Members present were Dan Collom, first Vice President; Bruce Hartman, Second Vice President; Nick Sauter, Commissioners' Attorney; Susan Kramer, Auditor; and Leanna Collisi, 2nd Deputy Auditor. Also, present were Josh Hood, Patty Kirkpatrick, Christa Peizke, Janet Wall-Myers, Alice Swaim, Steve Collisi and Chris O'Brien.
- III. **MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on Monday, July 6th, 2026 were approved on a motion from Dan Collom. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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 \$205,916.44 due for release on Monday, July 13th, 2026 was approved on a motion made by Dan Collom. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Acknowledgement of receipt of Payroll Claims Accounts Payable Report for July 13th, 2026 in the amount of \$267,828.32 was approved on a motion made by Dan Collom. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Accounts Payable Claims in the amount of \$1,792,465.21 were approved on a motion made by Dan Collom. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

II. NEW BUSINESS:

- Wessler Engineering presented a GIS Limited Use Agreement to the Parke County Board of Commissioners. This GIS Limited Use Agreement is for the Northern Parke County Regional Sewer District in Marshall, IN. This will allow Wessler Engineering to access and integrate Parke County's parcel layer from GIS into the Wessler Engineering System. Giving this access to Wessler Engineering will allow them to see how the Sewer System will be laid out on each property. Nick Sauter, the Parke County Board of Commissioners' Attorney and the Northern Parke County Regional Sewer District's Attorney as well, stated that there is a disclosure that Wessler Engineering cannot sell or reproduce the Parke County's GIS. Dan Collom made a motion to approve Wessler Engineering's GIS Limited Use Agreement with Parke County. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- It was voted at the last meeting to proceed with the Nevins Covered Bridge Rehabilitation by Kurdziel Barker Engineering. Today, Kurdziel Barker Engineering is presenting the Parke County Board of Commissioners with their proposal to rehabilitate the Nevins Covered Bridge. This bridge was damaged by an overloaded vehicle crossing the bridge. It broke the arches and the lower cords of the Nevins Covered Bridge. The Parke County Council will have to find the funds to repair it. All permits that are required are included in the proposal. Dan Collom made a motion to approve Kurdziel Barker Engineering's proposal to rehabilitate the Nevins Covered Bridge based on the Parke County Council finding \$23,600.00 to cover the cost of the repairs. Bruce

Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The public asked if there were any trail cams on the bridges. Dan Collom replied that anything that requires internet access does not work very well where the covered bridges are located. Trail cams can get shot out or the SD cards can be taken out. The Parke County Sheriff's Department has quotes on acquiring cameras, but the Parke County Board of Commissioners' is not sure what is the best thing to do.

- The Parke County Probation's Drug Court is seeking a grant from the Opioid Fund in the amount of \$700.00 for the 2026 Drug Court Picnic. Usually most of the funds come from the vending machine revenue but the vending machine has been broken for the last nine months. LCC and JRAC have both approved the grant request. Dan Collom made a motion to approve Parke County Probation seeking a grant request for the 2026 Drug Court Picnic from the Opioid Fund through the LCC. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- There were four out-of-cycle check requests that needed approval. The first two check requests were for VS Engineering in the amounts of \$116,717.00 for the annual bridge inspections and \$2,197.08 for on-call services for the covered bridges. Dan Collom made a motion to approve the two check requests for VS Engineering. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The last two check requests were for Rockin L, LLC in the amounts of \$8,400.00 for repairs on two Highway Department trucks and \$375.00 for portable toilet rentals for the Parke County Parks and Recreation Department. Dan Collom made a motion to approve the two check requests for Rockin L, LLC. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

- None.

IV. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- None.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Alice Swaim presented the Parke County Board of Commissioners with a proposal to change the name of 200 W to Union Road. She further explained that, historically, South 200 W. has been called Union Road since the Union Cemetery was located on that road. She was thinking that by changing the name of South 200 W. it would help with the deliveries that have been misdelivered to N. 200 W. Chris O'Brien, the Emergency Management Director, stated that 200 W. is the name of the road and never had the SOUTH on the street name. There was some discussion that it might be a big burden to change the addresses on 200 W. even though there are only eight residences located on this road. Bruce Hartman asked how this would affect 911. Chris O'Brien replied that it would not take a lot to make the change in the 911 System. The house numbers would stay the same and he would update the name of the road to Union Road. Google Earth would update from the 911 System. Dan Collom suggested that everyone that this change would affect should agree to the change because of the costs involved. Nick Sauter made the mention that the road signs will need to be changed as well. Alice Swaim stated that there are only three road signs that would need to be changed. Dan Collom stated that deliveries might not get better. The Planning Commission will need to get involved. They can make the decision and send out the required certified mailings to the affected residences. A Public Hearing would be scheduled. Chris O'Brien gave Alice Swaim the phone number to the Parke County Planning Commission so she can seek more details.

- A public question was asked that since Jim Meece was not in attendance, when will the Solar Ordinance be discussed. Nick Sauter stated that the Solar Ordinance has not yet been drafted. It will be drafted by mid-August.
- There was a person from the public that would like to report on the Data Centers in Lebanon, IN. The Parke County Commissioners are very familiar with Data Centers and will be attending a Data Center Seminar on August 11th, 2026. They will have more information for the public then. It was stated that even though a request to speak is not on the agenda, the public may speak during Public Comments on Data Centers at the upcoming Parke County Board of Commissioners' Meetings.
- Another public question was about how does a landowner request to annex their property into a city or town. At a public meeting for the city or town, the landowner would request the city or town's approval to be annexed. Keep in mind that the landowner would become subject to city or town taxes and subject to their ordinances as well. The city or town will look at it as creating a bigger boundary which creates more tax revenue. Nick Sauter was not aware of any annexing requests.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Dan Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The meeting adjourned at 4:44 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