

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 1st, 2021

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 1st, 2021, having adjourned from a regular meeting on Monday, February 1st, 2021, the February 15th meeting having been cancelled due to weather.
- 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, 1st Deputy Auditor; Tammy Thomas, 3rd Deputy Auditor and County Attorney Nick Sauter. Also present were Amanda Cuttrel, Jessica Lancaster, Cyndi Todd, Randy Norman, and Parke County Nurse Tonya Dahl.
- III. MINUTES:** Minutes for the Regular meeting held on February 1st, 2021, and the signatures for the financial report for the cancelled meeting on February 15th, 2021 were approved on a motion made by Dan R. Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman.
- IV. PAYROLL:** County payroll in the amount of \$183,866.52 was approved for release on Monday, February 15th, 2021 on a motion made by Dan R. Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman. County payroll in the amount of \$183,955.73 was approved for release on Monday, March 1, 2021 on a motion made by Dan R. Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman. Both motions passed unanimously.
- V. CLAIMS:** After reviewing the Claims Docket, claims in the amount of \$239,994.86 were approved for release on March 1st, 2021 on a motion made by Dan R. Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The motion carried unanimously.
- VI. NEW BUSINESS:**
- Cyndi Todd of Partnership Parke County appeared before the Board with a Broadband Investment property tax exemption application by Bloomingdale Home Telephone for investment made in 2020. Jim Meece made the motion to approve Bloomingdale Home Telephone's application for Broadband Investment property tax exemption. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
 - Cyndi Todd requested the Board formally amended Resolution 2021-1 to remove parcel 61-0536106044000-013 from the redevelopment tax sale properties. It had been incorrectly listed.
 - OCRA COVID-19 recovery grant phase 3 for \$250,000 for food security allowance. Resolution 2021-2 will give permission for Cyndi Todd to submit the application for the grant. The Parke County Community Foundation has agreed to match \$10,000 if the grant is awarded. Jim Meece made the motion to adopt resolution 2021-2 allowing the submission of the grant application. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
 - Adjoining property in Diamond sold to Mager's has been disputed by a landowner from out of state who will be sending paperwork regarding a "road" on this property that now makes his property landlocked. Jim Meece will forward the paperwork to Attorney Nick Sauter to review when it is received.
 - Auditor Fischer requested the opinion of the Board regarding the sale of TML (Transient Merchant License) for vendors for the Parke County Covered Bridge Festival. The Auditor's office has started receiving calls asking to purchase TML's for the Festival. Last year, none were sold due to the unknown status of the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Festival was cancelled. The Board advised Auditor Fischer to go ahead with the sale of the TML's for the 2021 Festival as normal.

- The Board reviewed the Parke County Government SPD amendments to the health insurance regarding telemedicine and other health issues. Dan R. Collom made the motion to approve the amendments to the insurance and sign the amendments. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- The Board received a letter regarding Dan R. Collom's appointment to the West Central Solid Waste District Board with George Nicholas as his proxy. A motion was made by Jim Meece to keep Dan R. Collom on the West Central Solid Waste District Board with George Nicholas as his proxy. The motion was seconded by Bruce Hartman and it passed unanimously.
- The Board acknowledged a letter from Partnership Parke County expressing their gratitude for the monetary gift.
- The Board reviewed a letter from Parke County Public Library recommending the re-appointment of Nellie Myers to the Library Board. Jim Meece made a motion to re-appoint Nellie Myers to the Library Board and it was seconded by Dan R. Collom. The motion passed unanimously.
- The Board reviewed a letter from the DNR regarding the US 41 Bridge project over Roaring Creek.
- The Board reviewed a notice from the Indiana Department of Transportation regarding a public hearing.
- The Board reviewed a memo from Indiana Department of Environmental Management regarding the Rockville Correctional Facility.
- The Board reviewed a Tort Claim from Ken Nunn Law Office.
- The Board reviewed the Treasurer's Report for December 2020.
- The Board reviewed the Clerk's Report for January 2021
- President Jim Meece expressed the Board's regret at the resignation of Parke County Clerk, Stacie Jeffries. The Board wished to thank her for her years of service and wish her good luck in the future.
- Resolution 2021-3 that states the Commissioners are resistant to House Bill 1381, which states that the local planning commission should have no say in renewable energy locations. The resolution was passed on a motion made by Jim Meece and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The motion passed unanimously.
- A request was made to Commissioner Meece from Amanda Small of the Children's Bureau to display a pinwheel garden on the courthouse lawn. Jim Meece made the motion to allow Ms. Small to display the Children's Bureau pinwheel garden on the courthouse lawn. The motion was seconded by Dan R. Collom and it passed unanimously.
- President Meece has been contacted by Marcia Carroll, Lee Creed, and Cindy Lacefield in regards to volunteering to be on the cemetery board. Jim Meece made the motion to appoint these volunteers to the cemetery board. The motion was seconded by Dan R. Collom and it passed unanimously.
- The owner of the former LAB property east of Rockville would like to use the facility as a training site for army Black Hawk helicopter personnel to repel down to buildings and breach a doorway. This would be held mid-summer during one night. Jim Meece made the motion to allow the owner of LAB to hold this training providing the neighbors are informed ahead of time. The motion was seconded by Dan R. Collom and it passed unanimously.
- There have been concerns from Marshall Board regarding the increase in large truck traffic on Marshall Road damaging the tile systems they have installed. Highway Department Head Randy Norman suggested building up county road 450N to allow large truck access to Marshall Road.
- The Board reviewed the Parke County Investment Policy submitted by the Parke County Treasurer, Kim Shorter. A motion was made by Bruce Hartman to accept the policy. The motion was seconded by Dan R. Collom and it passed unanimously.

- Putnam County Aggregates credit application agreement. Attorney Sauter wanted the contract re-written to take out the “hold harmless” language. Superintendent Norman stated that because Putnam County Aggregates did not go through the bid process, this contract could be voided.

VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Parke County Sheriff, Justin Cole:

- Sheriff Cole was absent from the meeting, but sent an agreement between the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) and Parke County for offenders eligible for Medicaid for the Commissioner’s to review and approve. Attorney Nick Sauter reviewed the contract and the motion was made by Bruce Hartman to approve the agreement. Dan R. Collom seconded the agreement and it passed unanimously.

Parke County EMT: Julie Lanzone: absent

- Ms. Lanzone was absent; however, the Board would like to express their thanks and gratitude to Julie, Chris O’Brien, all of EOC and EMA and all the volunteers for setting up and managing of the vaccine clinic.

Parke County EMA/E911: Chris O’Brien: absent

Parke County Highway Department Superintendent, Randy Norman:

- The bid was opened at the meeting for the Community Crossing Paving work. The motion was made by Bruce Hartman to accept the bid of Wabash Valley Asphalt. The motion was seconded by Dan R. Collom and it passed unanimously. The next Community Crossings Grant will be available in July.
- Mr. Norman presented the Annual Operation Report for review to be voted on at the next meeting on March 15, 2021.
- Mr. Norman has openings for a grader operator and two truck drivers.
- Mr. Norman questioned how to get the property tax payments back on the rental of the graders. Attorney Sauter will investigate.

VIII. PERSONS REQUESTING TIME ON THE AGENDA: None.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Parke County Nurse Tonya Dahl appeared before the Board and requested to be “full time.” The commissioners advised her to appear before the Council with this request.
- The County Nurse also requested to be put on the agenda for the Commissioner’s meetings to give reports. The commissioner’s advised her to contact County Auditor Laura Fischer to be added to the agenda however often she would like to appear.
- The Commissioners welcomed Henry A. Harper, who has been appointed to replace Stacie Jeffries as Parke County Clerk. The Commissioners wished him well in his future endeavors.

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 5:10 p.m.



Jim Meece, President

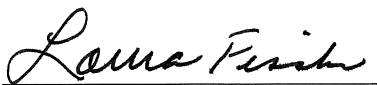


Dan R. Collom, 1st Vice President

ABSENT

Bruce Hartman, 2nd Vice President

ATTEST:



Laura Fischer,
Parke County Auditor