

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 2nd, 2020

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 2nd, 2020, having adjourned from a regular meeting on Monday, February 17th, 2020.
- II. ROLL CALL:** Members present were Commissioner Jim Meece, President; Dan R. Collom, First Vice President; Bruce Hartman, Second Vice President; Laura Fischer, Auditor; Tammy Thomas, 1st Deputy Auditor and County Attorney Nick Sauter. Also present were Gary Smith, Katie Potter, Assessor, Kathy Collom, Pam Sanders, Mike Strack, Justin Cole, Larry Bemis, Cyndi Todd, Kim Shorter, Julie Lanzone, John Martin, Mark Davis, Dutch Blackburn, John Evans, and Chris O'Brien.
- III. MINUTES:** Minutes for the Regular meeting held on Tuesday, January 21st, 2020 were approved by a motion from Dan Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The minutes from the Regular meeting held on Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and the Special meeting held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 were approved with a motion from Bruce Hartman and seconded by Jim Meece. The motions carried unanimously.
- IV. PAYROLL:** County payroll in the amount of \$166,573.02 was approved for release on Monday, March 2nd, 2020 on a motion made by Dan Collom. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The acknowledgement receipt of payroll claims accounts payable report was tabled due to a possible error in the amount.
- V. CLAIMS:** After reviewing the Claims Docket, claims in the amount of \$602,015.81 were approved for release on March 2nd, 2020 on a motion made by Dan Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The motion carried unanimously.
- VI. NEW BUSINESS:**
- There were no hand typed checks to approve.
  - John Evans with FES Lighting appeared before the board for the signing of the contract for the lighting at the jail. Nick Sauter stated he had not had time to review the contract fully. To get the work started, Jim Meece made a motion suggested that the board go ahead with the signing of the contract, and if Mr. Sauter finds no issues, he will contact Mr. Evans. If issues are found and the contract is deemed unacceptable, the contract will become null and void. Mr. Evans signed the first deputy's minute notes to indicate his agreement with this procedure. The motion was seconded by Dan Collom and it carried unanimously.
  - Assessor, Katie Potter presented 3 quotes for the mailing of Form 11, notice of assessment. Katie preferred Midwest Presort because of the low cost and also if there were any future bulk mailings, they would be able to save the county money on postage. Dan Collom made the motion to accept the Midwest Presort quote and Bruce Hartman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
  - The board received a letter from Rockville Elementary School teacher Becky Loudermilk, Elementary Visual Arts requesting the use of the courthouse from March 3 through April 3, 2020 to install a temporary art exhibit in the entry way. Jim Meece made the motion to let the school use the courthouse for those dates and it was seconded by Dan Collom. The motion carried unanimously.
  - The board received a letter from Lindsey Bishop, Director of the Parke County Library regarding Nancy Welch Witty's resignation and replacement. Ms. Witty has moved and declared that it would be better for the library to have someone more local to fill her position until Witty's term expires

October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. The library board recommended Lisa Wrightsman for the position, and enclosed a Certificate of Appointment for the board to sign and return. A motion was made by Bruce Hartman to accept Ms. Wrightsman as a replacement for Ms. Witty until her term expires. The motion was seconded by Dan Collom and the motion carried unanimously. The Certificate of Appointment was signed by Mr. Meece, and returned to the auditor to be mailed to the library.

- The board reviewed a letter from Wilkinson, Goeller, Modesitt, Wilkinson & Drummy, LLP, Attorneys at Law requesting a signature on an authorization to represent the county in a lawsuit brought by Ricky L. Sutton. Bruce Hartman made the motion to accept the representation and sign the enclosed authorization form. It was seconded by Dan Collom and it passed unanimously. The paperwork was returned to the auditor to be mailed to the attorneys.
- The board reviewed the 2019 Veteran Office Report from Stan Rukes. The report lists how many veterans and/or their families have been helped and/or transported from his office. Jim mentioned the great work the Veteran's Office and the staff was doing.
- The board received notice from IDEM that approval of the permit for Rockville Correctional Facility has been granted.
- Mark Davis, President of Parke Trails Alliance came before the board to request a letter be written to Next Level Trails to show the support of the county and commissioners for the paving of the trails. A motion was made by Jim Meece to send the letter that he had composed. It was read before the commissioner's and the attendees. The motion was seconded by Bruce Hartman.
- The board reviewed a letter from the USDA concerning Rural Development.

## V OLD BUSINESS:

- None

## VI. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

### **Parke County Sheriff, Justin Cole:**

- The Jail count for today was seventy-three; fifty-four County, six Department of Correction, twelve out-of-county and one away.
- Presented the February 2020 billing and ROC report.
- Informed the Board that the new security system installation should start soon.
- Informed the Board that 14-15 windows were purchased for replacement in the cell blocks.

### **Parke County EMS/Julie Lanzzone-Grants**

- Jim commented on the great job Julie had done on getting the plumbing problems fixed at the EMS office.
- Jim asked about the generators. Julie stated they are now fixed, working properly and are hooked directly in the Vectren natural gas line.
- Julie presented a request for grant application from Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for \$200,000 non-matching. The grant title is "FY 2020 Rural Emergency Medical Services Training Grant" and selections start August 1, 2020. With this grant, the EMS department could fund five paramedic classes, train three instructors, and host EMT classes for the county. A motion was made by Dan Collom to allow Julie to

continue with the grant application and it was seconded by Bruce Hartman. The motion passed unanimously.

**Parke County Highway Department Superintendent, Randy Norman:** absent

**Parke County EMA/E911/Chris O'Brien,** nothing to report; going well

**Parke County Treasurer, Kim Shorter**

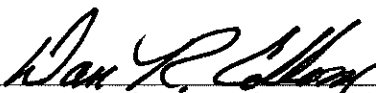
- Ms. Shorter requested permission to purchase a drop box for Innkeeper's payments. She presented an ad from Amazon for a cast aluminum bronze heavy duty mailbox with a lock and key. The box measures 46" tall x 16.5" wide. She would like it to be placed on the courthouse lawn. Dan Collom made a motion to purchase the mailbox, Jim Meece seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

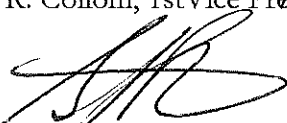
**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Dutch Blackburn commented on the disintegration of Deer Run Road. Water is standing on road and needs ditching done to let the water escape. Highway department will look into this matter.
- Cyndi Todd, Executive Director of Partnership Parke County stated that she and Chris O'Brien of EMA/E911 had agreed that the redevelopment commission could move into the empty offices at the EMA building. Cyndi expected this to happen around August 2020, which would give Chris time to get the office cleaned out and ready for occupation. The motion was made by Bruce Hartman to go ahead with this move and was seconded by Dan Collom. The motion carried unanimously.

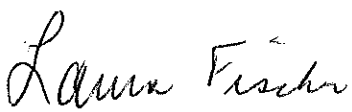
**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Dan Collom and seconded by Jim Meece. The meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

  
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Jim Meece, President

  
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Dan R. Collom, 1st Vice President

  
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Bruce Hartman, 2nd Vice President

ATTEST:

  
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Laura Fischer,  
Parke County Auditor