

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 4, 2021

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 4, 2021, having adjourned from a regular meeting on Monday, September 20th, 2021.
- II. ROLL CALL:** Members present were Commissioner, Jim Meece, President; Bruce Hartman, Second Vice President; County Attorney Nick Sauter: and Nicole Collings, First Deputy Auditor. Also, present were Justin Cole, John Martin, Randy Norman, Jessica Lancaster, Josh Milbourn, and Chris O'Brien. Absent was Dan R. Collom, First Vice President and Laura Fischer, Auditor
- III. MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on September 20th, 2021 were tabled.
- IV. PAYROLL:** County payroll in the amount of \$188,028.98 was approved for release on Monday, September 28th, 2021 on a motion made by Bruce Hartman and seconded by Jim Meece. The motion carried unanimously. Bruce Hartman made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the Payroll Claims Accounts Payable Report in the amount of \$54,187.99. Jim Meece seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- V. CLAIMS:** After reviewing the Claims Docket, claims in the amount of \$553,128.32 were approved for release on October 4th, 2021 on a motion made by Bruce Hartman and seconded by Jim Meece. The motion carried unanimously.
- VI. NEW BUSINESS:**
- Chris O'Brien presented to the Board a letter for INDOT Compliance Auditor. It went over the 2020 Accomplishment and 2021 Goals. Jim Meece made the motion to sign the letter. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - Travelers Claims were reviewed.
 - Nicole Collings updated the Board with the number of TML's sold so far in 2021. As of September 30, 2021, 795 TML's were sold by the Auditor's Office.
 - EMS Report was read and reviewed by the Board.
 - Jim Meece asked for an update from Nick Sauter on the creation of an ordinance on the covered bridges. Nick Sauter stated he was working on it and just needed the Board's input on fines for the civil penalties. The Board stated that the minimum fine would be acceptable.
 - Jim Meece stated that he painted over the graffiti at the Cox Ford Bridge.
- VII. OLD BUSINESS:**
- VIII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**
- Parke County Sheriff, Justin Cole:**
- Justin Cole provided a report to the Board. The county has 72 inmates and 12 inmates for the DOC.
 - Jim Meece informed Justin Cole that Matt Stechley with Core Facilities had checked in with him and reported that no one has logged onto the digital platform.
 - Justin Cole reported on National Night Out. He stated that attendance was down from prior years and that he had received a lot of positive feedback from the event. Justin Cole stated that he is looking into doing the event during the fair next year.

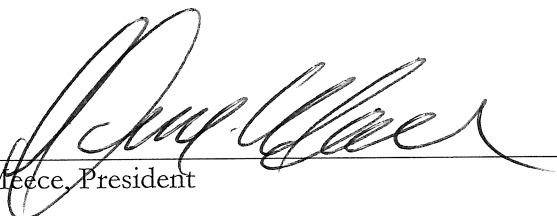
Parke County Highway Department Superintendent, Randy Norman:

- Randy Norman presented to the Board the Attendance Record Report.
- Randy Norman updated the Board that he was down two employees.
- Randy Norman provided a work report stating the bridge routes were patched and lines were painted. The crews will be moving onto other roads to patch. Randy Norman suggested that they use the ADA money to install sidewalks in Bridgeton and Mansfield. They could do the project over several years since they put \$20,000 back each year. Board agreed that would be a good idea to look into and find bids.
- Randy Norman stated that the bridge on Nyesville Road is about done and will close the road next Tuesday. Jim Meece asked if that would affect Covered Bridge Festival traffic and Randy Norman informed him that it should not.
- Lucas Collom provided an estimate on Sims Smith Covered Bridge project. Jim Meece made a motion to accept the bid from Lucas Collom for the Sims Smith Covered Bridge. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Nick Sauter spoke on the behalf of Josh Milbourn who was present at the meeting. He stated that Josh Milbourn and others had life insurance money withheld from his paycheck and the Auditor's office informed him that the policy was not set up. The Auditor's office was in the process of reviewing insurance and fixing errors that occurred.

- X. ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Jim Meece and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.



Jim Meece, President


Absent

Dan R. Collom, 1st Vice President



Bruce Hartman, 2nd Vice President

ATTEST:



Laura Fischer,
Parke County Auditor