

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 6, 2021

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 6th, 2021, having adjourned from a regular meeting on Monday, June 21st, 2021.
- 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, First Deputy Auditor; and County Attorney Nick Sauter. Also, present were Jessica Lancaster, Jason Frazier, Justin Cole, John Martin, Cyndi Todd, and Chris O'Brien.
- III. **MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on June 7th, 2021 were approved on a motion made by Dan R. Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman. Minutes for the regular meeting held on June 21st, 2021 were approved on a motion made by Bruce Hartman and seconded by Jim Meece.
- IV. **PAYROLL:** County payroll in the amount of \$191,657.19 was approved for release on Monday, July 5th, 2021 on a motion made by Dan R. Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The motion carried unanimously. Bruce Hartman made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the Payroll Claims Accounts Payable Report in the amount of \$5,079.00. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- V. **CLAIMS:** After reviewing the Claims Docket, claims in the amount of \$905,475.67 were approved for release on July 6, 2021 on a motion made by Dan R Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The motion carried unanimously.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - Chris O'Brien approached the Board about applying for two grants from Indiana Department of Homeland Security. The first grant would reimburse the County for part of EMA salaries. The seconded grant will reimburse the County for the purchase of a back-up generator for the Highway Department. These grants are non-matching grants for the county. Jim Meece made the motion for Chris O'Brien to apply for the grants. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Indiana Department of Environmental Management provided the Board with a Project Status Letter for Main Campus Parcel FFY17 CERCLA 128(a) Brownfield Funding and it was reviewed.
 - Laura Fischer asked the Board if the Covered Bridge Festival Vendor information could be provided to the public. Attorney Nick Sauter, suggested that the FOLA request for the information before it was released. Jim Meece made the motion for the Auditor's Office not to give the information freely unless the interested party provided a FOLA request to the office. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission provided their meeting agenda for July 14,2021 and meeting minutes May 12, 2021 for review.
 - Chris Newcomb with Park and Rec provided an incident report from this weekend to the Board.
 - Emergency Mobile Technologies Contract was presented for signatures by the Board. This is a normal agreement but this year they are asking for a contract to be signed. Bruce Hartman made the motion to sign the Contract for Emergency Mobile Technologies for the amount of \$86,162.00. It was seconded by Dan R. Collom. Motion passed.

- Tonya Dahl asked for the Board to give their permission for full administrative access to all related content in Zotec to manage the sites. Bruce Hartman made the motion and Dan R. Collom seconded the motion for the access to the content in Zotec. Motion passed unanimously.
- EMS provided the monthly report for review.
- The Clerk's monthly report was reviewed.

VII: OLD BUSINESS:

- The payment of certain Vendors with ACH payments was brought back to the table. Jim Meece said after his meeting with SBOA and their discussion at the meeting he would be in favor of using ACH payments for some vendor payments. Bruce Hartman said that he would like more time to talk to SBOA and do his research. Dan R Collom made the motion to table to discussion for further research into the topic. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- The John Deere invoice for taxes was brought back to the table. Nick Sauter said after his research and emails with the state that they county will need to pay it. With the suggestion of Nick Sauter, the Board let the Auditor's office know that they now have the go ahead to pay the bill.
- Jim Meece and John Pratt inspected the Courthouse doors and feel that they need repainted. Jim Meece asked the Board to think about what color they would like them done in.
- Jim Meece also asked the Board to consider what they would want to do when the governor's emergency status is lifted for the state. He asked them what color they would like lights on courthouse to be and the opening of all the doors. He stated at the end of the month the funding for full time security runs out.

VIII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Parke County Sheriff- Justin Cole:

- 64 inmates in total at the County Jail.
- Total collects from the DOC for July was \$10,838.
- The department received the USDA Grant and the Tahoe they have ordered is in construction and should be done by August.
- At the Parke County 4-H Fair, the Sheriff's Department with have a mobile command center trailer and provide overnight security.
- Jim Meece asked Justin Cole about if the department has ever been asked to do the security on the square during the Covered Bridge Festival. He also wanted to know what the past security officers they have had can do in an incident. Justin Cole said they could do a citizen's arrest and they don't provide security because they have extended hours with their deputies already during this time. He stated that Clay County has provided extra security for property owners in the past.

Partnership of Parke County, Cyndi Todd:

- Thrive was asked to do a housing study to see what the county needs are right now. It would cost the county \$10,000 for the USDA grant match to do this study. Cyndi Todd decided that they would not go forward with the grant and approach the study a different way of finding this information out. They will work find a grant that is better designed to meet what the county is looking for in terms of this study.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

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 4:41 p.m.



Jim Meece, President

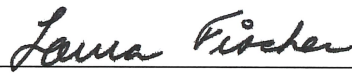


Dan R. Collom, 1st Vice President



Bruce Hartman, 2nd Vice President

ATTEST:



Laura Fischer,
Parke County Auditor