

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 16, 2021

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 16th, 2021, having adjourned from a regular meeting on Monday, August 2nd, 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, Pam Sanders, John Martin, Cyndi Todd, Kathy Collom and Randy Norman.
- III. MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on August 2nd, 2021 were approved on a motion made by Dan R. Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman.
- IV. PAYROLL:** County payroll in the amount of \$187,335.22 was approved for release on Monday, August 16th, 2021 on a motion made by Dan R. Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The motion carried unanimously. Dan R. Collom made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the Payroll Claims Accounts Payable Report in the amount of \$53,224.29. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- V. NEW BUSINESS:**
- Justin Cole submitted a letter asking the Board for permission to use the Parke County Fairgrounds for the National Night Out on September 21, 2021. Jim Meece made the motion and Dan R. Collom seconded it for the Sheriff's Department to use the Fairgrounds for the National Night Out.
 - The Interact Group reported that they finished painting over the graffiti in the Jackson Bridge and were looking to move to the Bridgeton Bridge. Jim Meece made the motion to allow the group to work on the Bridgeton Bridge on September 18, 2021. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion.
 - Cyndi Todd asked for tentative approval to apply for any broadband grants that would be available. Jim Meece made the motion that the Board will support the pursuit of any of the grants. Dan R. Collom second the motion.
 - Jim Meece asked Nick Sauter to write up an ordinance for the Board to consider for any changes made to a Covered Bridge. Jim Meece stated that the Mecca Bridge had so faultily wiring left in it and he had to remove it. Dan R. Collom stated that they couldn't say that the bridges couldn't have any electrical ran in it because Bridgeton Bridge has electrical installed for lights and smoke detectors. After a discussion, they decided that they need it to be on a case-by-case bases with the Board's approval.
 - Jim Meece stated that the need to look into reorganizing the Cemetery Commission. They have three new members.
 - Jim Meece stated that he would like to start a Covered Bridge Commission and a fund line for donations for repairs of the bridges. Laura Fischer stated that it would need to be Home Rule Fund in the 4000 with a county ordinance. The Board will continue to look into this discussion.
 - Bruce Hartman made the motion to approve the hand typed check for Terry Britton for \$384.00. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - Indiana Department of Correction presented their report for their annual county misdemeanor deposit.
 - Parke County EMS submitted a report for review.
 - A Travelers Claim was reviewed.

- Ordinance 2019-22 was brought back to the Board to be amended. The description needed changed in the ordinance. Jim Meece made the motion to correct the errors in the description and amend the ordinance to be Ordinance 2019-22A. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VII: OLD BUSINESS: None

VIII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Parke County Sheriff- Justin Cole: None

Parke County Highway Department- Randy Norman:

- Randy Norman presented the Board with an estimate for the Sim Smith Bridge repairs. The estimate was for \$28,800. After some discussion, the Board tabled the estimate and in hopes that they get a few more estimates.
- The Grader Lease was brought back to the table for discussion. After the Road Committee meeting, they recommended that they go with the Capital Lease for 7 years. Jim Meece made a motion for the 7-year Capital Lease to be signed. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion. This would null the previous agreement. Bruce Hartman made the motion to allow Dan R. Collom to sign the paperwork in the event that arrives after Jim Meece has left for vacation. Jim Meece seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Randy Norman gave an update on chip-n-seal and paving.
- Nick Sauter stated that they had the first ordinance violation on weight limit on Ferndale Road.

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 4:40 p.m.



Jim Meece, President

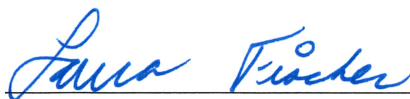


Dan R. Collom, 1st Vice President



Bruce Hartman, 2nd Vice President

ATTEST:



Laura Fischer,
Parke County Auditor