

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 3, 2022

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, having adjourned from a regular meeting on Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- II. ROLL CALL:** Members present were, 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 John Martin, Jessica Lancaster, Cyndi Todd, Josh Zuerner, Mckenzi Kumpf, Christian Beaver, Justin Cole, Jason Frazier, and Randy Norman. Absent was Commissioner Jim Meece, President.
- III. MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 were approved on a motion made by Bruce Hartman and seconded by Dan R. Collom. The motion carried unanimously.
- IV. PAYROLL:** County payroll in the amount of \$180,267.05 was approved for release on Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 on a motion made by Bruce Hartman and seconded by Dan R. Collom. The motion carried unanimously. Bruce Hartman made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the Payroll Claims Accounts Payable Report in the amount of \$51,389.26. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- V. CLAIMS:** After reviewing the Claims Docket, claims in the amount of \$477,031.37 were approved for release on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 on a motion made by Bruce Hartman and seconded by Dan R. Collom. The motion carried unanimously.
- VI. NEW BUSINESS:**
- Laura Fischer, Auditor, presented to the Board the 2021-100R Wage Compensation Report. This will be published in the newspaper and online on Gateway.
  - EMS Report was reviewed.
  - Chris O'Brien had asked Dan R. Collom about the county naming a road. In Jackson Township, Mr. Thompson has property in an area where a bridge had washed out in the past. He is asking the county to name the road. Nick Sauter will look into seeing if naming the road makes the county liable for the road. The Board tabled the discussion.
  - Josh Zuerner with Joink was present with his draft of a memo for the Next Level Grant. He had used a formula to calculate the amount needed for the county match on the grant for a total of \$936,000. After some discussion with the Board, there was some confusion in how the resolution was written up. Joink and the Board would like to go back to the ARPA Committee and discuss this issue more.
- VII. OLD BUSINESS:**
- Nick Sauter asked for signatures on a sales disclosure for the RDC Commission. This sales disclosure was for a property on Market Street.
- VIII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**
- Parke County Sheriff, Justin Cole:**
- Justin Cole reported that they have 45 county inmates and 10 DOC inmates for a total of 55 inmates in the county jail. They have one with COVID. The total amount in billing for

2021 was \$145,669. Justin Cole has job openings for two deputies, one dispatch and one maintenance position. One deputy is out on medical leave.

- Justin Cole provided an update on the two new police cars. They are still waiting for chips for the car.
- Justin Cole provided to the Board the Compensation Agreement in Lieu of Statutory Fees between Justin Cole and Parke County. Bruce Hartman made the motion for the agreement for the sheriff fees. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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


- Randy Norman received two bids for a new truck. Nick Sauter opened the bids that were due that day. Randy Norman will review the bids and bring back his recommendation to the next meeting.
- Randy Norman presented to the Board his recommendation for the bids on the 2022 Price List. Bruce Hartman made the motion to accept Randy Norman recommendations for 2022 Price List as presented. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion.

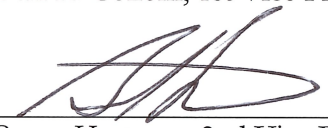
**IX. PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**X. ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Bruce Hartman and seconded by Dan R. Collom. The meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

**Absent**

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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