

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**March 21st, 2016**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 21st, 2016, having adjourned from a regular meeting on Monday, March 7th, 2016.
- II. ROLL CALL:** Members present were Commissioners Jim Meece, President; Dan R. Collom, First Vice President; Bruce Hartman, Second Vice President; Pam Adams, Auditor; Janie Hardman, 1st Deputy Auditor and County Attorney John Asbury. Also present were Tim Waterman, Pat Gurthet, Don Pruner, Larry Bemis, Mike Strack, Pam Sanders, Dave Schwegman, Randy Norman, Amy Hensley and Terry Hensley.
- III. MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on Monday, March 7th, 2016 were approved on a motion made by Bruce Hartman and seconded by Jim Meece. The motion carried unanimously.
- IV. PAYROLL:** County payroll in the amount of \$148,535.90 was approved for release on Monday, March 21st, 2016 on a motion made by Bruce Hartman. Jim Meece seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Bruce Hartman made a motion acknowledging receipt of the Payroll Claims Accounts Payable Report in the amount of \$178,106.64. Jim Meece seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The Board acknowledged receipt of the February 2016 Monthly Financial Report.
- V. NEW BUSINESS:**
- Bruce Hartman made a motion to approve hand-typed checks payable to the National CASA Association in the amount of \$100.00 for Parke County CASA Director, Julie Estells', dues; payable to the Parke County Highway Department from the East Central TIF District in the amount of \$144,945.55 for the Walker Ramp Road project; and payable to Worrell Corporation in the amount of \$5,380.65 for postage to mail the 2015 pay 2016 tax statements. Jim Meece seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
  - Bruce Hartman made a motion to approve the concrete repair projects on the sidewalks around the Courthouse as presented by Custodian Don Pruner contingent upon Council approval of funds in addition to the funds in Pruner's budget. Pruner received an estimate of \$32,200.00 for the projects and has approximately \$12,000.00 in his maintenance budget. Jim Meece seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
  - Auditor Pam Adams presented the Board with a proposed amendment to the Employee Handbook under the section dealing with bereavement. Bruce Hartman made a motion to amend the Parke County Employee Handbook to read as follows: An employee will receive three (3) days paid leave upon the death of a spouse, son, daughter, brother, sister, mother, father or mother/father in-law (parent of a spouse). An employee shall receive one (1) day paid leave upon the death of a grandparent. Jim Meece seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
  - Bruce Hartman made a motion to correct the scrivener's error in the November 16th, 2015 Commissioner minutes. The last bullet under New Business following the word event needs amended from "is" to "if". Jim Meece seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
  - Jim Meece made a motion to establish a policy to lower all Courthouse flags to half-staff on the first business day of each month. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The policy reads as follows: The Parke County Commissioners believe that every American who has lost their life in the service of the people of the United States or has lived a life of service to them and has now passed is worthy of being honored by the people they have served. In an effort to do so, we have put in place a policy whereby all flags being flown at the Parke County Courthouse will be lowered to half-staff on the first business day of every month. We understand this to be a modest statement of appreciation for those who have given so much in their lives, but we believe that every life is deserving of an expression of gratitude and appreciation...every life. It is with this action that we hope to make such a solemn expression.
  - Auditor Pam Adams presented a memo regarding the Council's decision to reduce the County's mileage reimbursement rate to \$.40 per mile effective March 10th, 2016.
  - Bruce Hartman made a motion to grant permission for a Memorial Day Ceremony on the Courthouse lawn on May 30th, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- The Board reviewed an Indiana Association of County Commissioners memo regarding a call for rural local projects.
- The Treasurer's monthly report was presented for review.
- Auditor Adams reported \$150,404.68 has been moved from the tax sale surplus to the County's general fund.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS:**

- Bruce Hartman made a motion to adopt **Same Day, Same Meeting, Ordinance 2016-06**. The motion was seconded by Dan Collom and carried. Bruce Hartman made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 2016-06** which vacates a forty (40) foot unnamed street between Lots 4 and 5 in Block 12 in the Town of Diamond and a twelve (12) foot unnamed alley between Lot 10 and Lots 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 in Block 12 in the Town of Diamond located in Parke County in Raccoon Township. Jim Meece seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**Parke County Sheriff:**

- Auditor Pam Adams reported the Jail count for today was twenty-one. One parole, one DOC, 1 F6 and eighteen out of County.

**Parke County Highway, Randy Norman:**

- County Attorney John Asbury opened the sealed bids for Highway Department for two new tandem axle trucks. Bids were received from JX Peterbuilt, Rush Truck Center, Terre Haute Truck Center and Weirs International. Bids will be awarded at the April 4th, 2016 Commissioner meeting.
- Norman reported he has openings for two laborers and one bridge carpenter.
- Norman presented the Bill of Materials for the Melcher Covered Bridge and informed the Board the design work will cost approximately \$4,000.00.
- Norman presented a Letter of Understanding for Cox Ford Road to be the unofficial local detour for US 41 while the bridge 0.86 miles north of SR 47 is closed for new overlay.
- Crews are patching and grading as weather permits.

**VIII. PERSONS REQUESTING TIME ON THE AGENDA:**

Jim Meece informed the Board of Mitch Vogel's passing and wishes to express appreciation as Parke County continues to benefit from Vogel's lifetime of service as Civil Defense / Emergency Management Director.

**Emergency Services Director Amy Hensley** informed the Board of the ongoing dispute with AT & T over double billing on the primary rate interface (PRI) twenty-one (21) lines. The County has since moved the phone service to Bloomingdale Home Telephone Company. David Hanson, the County's original representative, told Hensley AT & T should have been doing manual overrides each month since the switch to correct the improper billing. Jeff Jordan, the County's current representative has issued a reimbursement for only the first three months of 2016. Hensley will continue to pursue reimbursement from AT & T.

**Apex Benefits Group, Toni Stinson** appeared before the Board to review financials for 2015 and 2016 year to date. Stinson shared numbers from the utilization of the clinic in Montezuma by County employees and dependents which pleased the Commissioners.

Dan Collom made a motion to allow Apex Benefits Group access to the Protected Health Information (PHI) from Anthem. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Ambulance Director Terry Hensley** appeared before the Board to present the Medicaid / Medicare proposed increases to services provided by the Ambulance Service. Bruce Hartman made a motion to increase the prices of the services as presented by Hensley. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Dan Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

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Jim Meece, President

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Dan R. Collom, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

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Bruce A. Hartman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

ATTEST:

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Pam Adams, Auditor