

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 4, 2022

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 4th, 2022, having adjourned from a regular meeting on Monday, March 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 Chris O'Brien, Justin Cole, Kim Shorter, Jessica Lancaster, Josh Milborne, John Martin, Dan Jones and Randy Norman.
- III. MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on January 3rd, 2022 were approved on a motion made by Dan R. Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The motion carried unanimously. Minutes for the regular meeting held on January 18th, 2022 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 \$187,059.09 was approved for release on Monday, March 12th, 2022 on a motion made by Dan R. Collom and seconded by Jim Meece. The motion carried unanimously. Dan R. Collom made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the Payroll Claims Accounts Payable Report in the amount of \$263,449.86. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- V. CLAIMS:** After reviewing the Claims Docket, claims in the amount of \$446,410.00 were approved for release on April 4th, 2022 on a motion made by Dan R. Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The motion carried unanimously.
- VI. NEW BUSINESS:**
- Chris O'Brien presented to Multi- Hazard Planning Grant. This a federal grant passed through the state is available every eight years. The county will get reimbursed from the state for making an emergency plan. The state will reimburse the county \$18,457.00. The county will have to do a soft match of a little over \$6,000. Last time the county worked with Partnership Parke County on this grant and would like to work with them on it again. Jim Meece made the motion for Chris O'Brien to seek out this grant. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion approved.
 - A county tax payer submitted a letter to the Board for reviewed.
 - The Health Department provided a lease/contract for a nurse. The agreement will be between the county and Union Hospital. The hospital will lease a nurse to the county and the county will pay for the nurse with grant money. The Health Department will set the hours for the nurse. Jim Meece made the motion to sign the lease with Union Hospital. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - Randy Cleaver submitted a quote for Gibson for software on the phones for the courthouse and ambulance center. This quote was for the voicemail applications and would be billed at \$1,062.06 and \$81.60. This contract will cover any repairs needed for the service. Bruce Hartman made the motion to approve the quote from Gibson. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - PCI informed the Jim Meece that Lafayette Tent Company will no longer be in the tent business. PCI said the bids are coming in around \$39,000 at least \$20,000 more than previous years

expense. Jim Meece made the motion to give a one-year commitment of \$20,000 to PCI to cover cost of the tents as a gift from the county. Dan R. Collom second the motion. Motion passed.

- Jim Meece had been contacted about the door at the EOC, stating that it is hard to shut. It is a split door for anti-catastrophe events. He was given two quotes; one from LaForce (\$5,453.00) for the door and installation on the door at the EOC and for two handicap closures on the courthouse. Stanley (\$2,600.00) was the second quote for the handicap closure on the EOC door. Dan R. Collom made a motion to approve both quotes for LaForce and Stanley. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion. Motion approved.
- The Board addressed payroll issue from the previous meeting. Jim Meece had contacted Anne at Harris for training for Catelin Chapman in payroll. The cost would be \$175 per hour and would need to be two days long. The cost of travel, food and hotel will be at the cost of the county as well. Bruce Hartman stated that Harris will know system and know how to train payroll. Dan R. Collom mentioned that training was overdue and needs to be standard. Bruce Hartman made the motion to have Harris come in and train payroll. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Laura Fischer will set up the training times with Harris.
- Jim Meece had contacted Russell/Durr Accounting about looking through the 2019 payroll for the overpayment amounts. They stated that they did not have time to do it. Harris told Jim Meece that they do not do that type of business and suggested Bruce Hartman's firm. Bruce Hartman thought that they maybe a conflict of interest and ethics. Nick Sauter will look into the laws on conflict of interest and ethics. Bruce Hartman recommended that they take quotes from interested firms and choose from that list.
- Ron Turner gave a donation to the Ambulance Department to help with the loss from the fire.
- Jim Meece presented the contract with Hendricks County Hospital. This agreement will be for Orthopedic Care which is specialty for this hospital and will be at a lower rate. This would save the county money so in turn the employee will not have a bill and will actually get paid for using Hendricks County Hospital for their orthopedic care. Jim Meece made the motion to sign the contract with the hospital. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- John Martin, Parke Without Reserve gave the quote for \$469 for the camera for zoom meeting. This camera would help the Board hold virtual meetings with live streaming. John Martin will ask the Town of Rockville if they would like to split the cost of the camera so he could use the camera to cover their meetings. John Martin would agree to liability contract if needed. Nick Sauter will work on contract for the camera and computer that John Martin uses. Dan R. Collom made the motion to purchase the camera. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion. Motion passed. The Commissioners would need an invoice and agreement signed before they reimbursed John Martin.

VII: OLD BUSINESS:

- The Health Board asked for the Board to make an appointment. The Board decided to table the appointment because they learned that about Indiana Code about the political party of the board members. Nick Sauter will research the code and get back to the Board.

VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Parke County Sheriff Department, Justin Cole:

- Justin Cole asked the Board for approval to apply for a grant. This would be a \$5,000 for National Night Out. Jim Meece made the motion for approval to apply for the grant. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion approved.
- Justin Cole reported that the fencing company has set the post for the new fence.

- Justin Cole provided an update on the two Tahoe's. They are in Lafayette at the fitter and not sure when they would be done there.
- The parking lot paving at the jail will start soon.
- Justin Cole reported that the collected \$50, 214.00 for the year from DOC.

Parke County Highway Department Superintendent, Randy Norman:

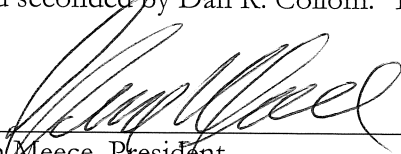
- Randy Norman gave an update on patching of roads.
- Randy Norman provided the Primary Engineer Report on Bridge #32 Bridgeton. Dan R. Collom made the motion to sign the report with approval from Nick Sauter. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Mark Davis with Parke Trails Alliance and Randy Norman have been discussing the Rosedale bridge. It needs fixed and they would like a walk way added. The Board stated that Randy Norman could pay what the county would normally pay to fix the bridge and anything extra would be up to Parke Trails Alliance to fund.

Parke County Treasurer, Kim Shorter:

- Tax Statements will be mailed out on April 13th.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

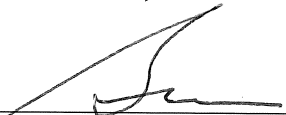
- X. ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Bruce Hartman and seconded by Dan R. Collom. The meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.



 Jim Meece, President

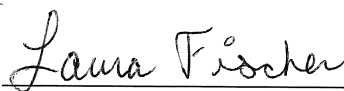


 Dan R. Collom, 1st Vice President



 Bruce Hartman, 2nd Vice President

ATTEST:



 Laura Fischer,
 Parke County Auditor