

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 6, 2022

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 6th, 2022, having adjourned from a regular meeting on Monday, August 15th, 2022.
- 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, John Martin, Josh Milbourn, Kathy Collom, Jason Frazier and Randy Norman.
- III. MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on August 15th, 2022 were approved on a motion made by Dan R. Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The motion carried unanimously.
- IV. PAYROLL:** County payroll in the amount of \$185,983.52 was approved for release on Tuesday, September 6th, 2022 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 \$87,113.87. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- V. CLAIMS:** After reviewing the Claims Docket, claims in the amount of \$609,598.53 were approved for release on September 6th, 2022 on a motion made by Bruce Hartman and seconded by Dan R. Collom. The motion carried unanimously.
- VI. NEW BUSINESS:**
- Chris O'Brien came to the Board and asked for a Board member to be on his Hazard Mitigation Plan Board. Dan R. Collom stated he would be able to attend for the Board.
 - Chris O'Brien also received bids for generator for the fairgrounds. Chris O'Brien recommended the bid from Jason Allee for \$9,308.50. This is paid with grant money. Jim Meece made the motion for Chris O'Brien to use Jason Allee for the bid for the generator. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - Next, Chris O'Brien also had bids for the portable generator. This could provide power to different areas during emergencies. Jim Meece made the motion to accept the bid for Northern Tool for \$11,249.00. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - Chris O'Brien asked the Board for permission to go after the EMPG Salary Grant. Jim Meece made the motion approving the grant request and it was seconded by Dan R. Collom. Motion passed.
 - Chris O'Brien asked to apply for another grant from FEMA/State. This would help get new radios and improve communications. Jim Meece made the motion for Chris O'Brien to apply for grant. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - DAR asked for permission to use the courthouse lawn on November 11th, 2022 from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. for Veteran's Day Luminaries. They would like to place a banner on the lawn for September 17th-23rd for Constitution Week. Bruce Hartman made the motion to allow them to use the lawn of November 11th and place a banner. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - The Board acknowledge the Covered Bridge Fund revenue of \$51,800.00.

- Jim Meece stated that the flush valve and fire annunciator work has begun. Also, the new mower was delivered.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- The Board revisited the Union Hospital Contract with Sheriff's Department. The previous questions on pay and liability were answered. Union Hospital will send payment to the Auditor and then the deputies will be paid out during payroll. The county will be liable for the deputies when they are working. Dan R. Collom made the motion to agree to contract after Nick Sauter's approval. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion. Motion approved. Later on in the meeting, a motion was made by Dan R. Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman to approve and sign the contract for Union Hospital. Motion passed.
- Purdue Postage Lease Agreement was approved for 63 months for \$60.00. Bruce Hartman made the motion to accept the lease agreement. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VIII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Parke County Sheriff, Justin Cole:

- Justin Cole provided an update on his department of 60 inmates and 5 DOC inmates. He stated they just got over a COVID outbreak. They had 10 arrests over the holiday weekend.
- Justin Cole stated they had some inmates doing painting at the jail for community service.

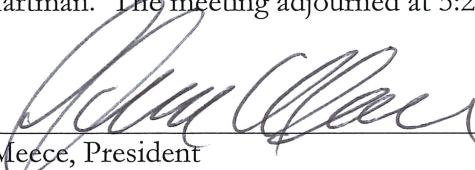
Parke County Highway Department Superintendent, Randy Norman:

- Jim Meece would like to know what they can do for the faulty pavement the county received to do Bloomingdale Road. The road has bad spots in it from the faulty pavement. Nick Sauter will look into the contract with the company and see what the next step will be.
- Randy Norman asked for three hand typed checks to be approved. One for Barney Carroll for \$17,250.00 and two for VS Engineering for \$25,000.00 and \$85,198.84. Jim Meece made the motion to approve the three out of cycle checks and it was seconded by Dan R. Collom. Motion passed.
- Randy Norman stated that Community Crossing Grant was submitted.
- Randy Norman had a lady who lives on 620 East ask for a speed limit sign be put up on the road. Jim Meece made the motion for Nick Sauter to draw up an ordinance for a 30-m.p.h. speed limit sign be placed on 620 East to the end of New Discovery Road. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Randy Norman asked the Board to ask Julie Lanzone at EMS if the ambulance could start turning on their sirens earlier. If they turn the sirens on before they get to the barn, it would allow the employees a warning to be out of the way. The Board will talk to EMS about this.
- Dan R. Collom stated he noticed the stop sign on 550 East keeps getting moved. He has noticed this has happened three or four times. After some discussion, the Board decided to place two stop signs on the road. Dan R. Collom made to motion to place stops signs on 550 East. Jim Meece seconded the motion. Motion passed.

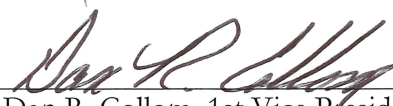
PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Hamilton Center came to provide information on their services. Mandy talked about their skill that they teach their clients. They can teach their client how to deal with a variety of thing such as: grief, loss, budget, primary care or self-esteem. Hamilton Center does accept referrals and will do their best to reach out to them. They accept anyone no matter of payment.

IX. 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 5:24 p.m.



Jim Meece, President



Dan R. Collom, 1st Vice President

Bruce Hartman, 2nd Vice President

ATTEST:



Laura Fischer,
Parke County Auditor