

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 17th, 2023

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 17th, 2023, having adjourned from a regular meeting on Monday, July 7th, 2023.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Members present were Jim Meece, President; Dan R. Collom, First Vice President; Bruce Hartman, Second Vice President; Mary Anne Wood, Auditor; Susan Kramer, Deputy Auditor; and Nick Sauter, Commissioners Attorney. Also present were Sam Swaim, Randy Norman, Sandi Wallace, John Martin, Kim Shorter, Pam Sanders and Jessica Lancaster.
- III. **MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on Monday, June 19th, 2023 were approved on a motion made by Bruce Hartman and seconded by Jim Meece. The motion carried unanimously. Minutes for the regular held on Monday, July 3rd, 2023 were approved on a motion made by Jim Meece and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The motion carried unanimously.
- IV. **PAYROLL:** County payroll in the amount of \$218,291.69 was approved for release on Monday, July 17th, 2023 on a motion made by Bruce Hartman. Jim Meece seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Due to an issue with Union Hospital Security compensation and the associated police pension withholding, a separate payroll in the amount of \$4,284.50 was approved for release on Monday, July 17th, 2023 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 \$205,685.83. Jim Meece seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- V. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - Requests were reviewed by the Board for the following claims to be processed outside of the regular claims cycle. The first is in the amount of \$18,785.14 to HFI Mechanical for work completed at the Parke County Jail in 2022, and the second is in the amount of \$110.00 to Indiana Recorder's Association. Jim Meece made a motion to approve the following claims to be processed outside of the regular claims cycle. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - Parke Circuit Court Judge Sam Swaim voiced concerns regarding the work to replace the driveway on the southside of the Courthouse which is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, August 1st, 2023. Judge Swaim stated there are 40 cases scheduled on that day, and the noise from the jack hammer would have a negative impact on the court being able to do handle those cases. Don Pruner is to contact the contractor and have the date to start the job changed to Wednesday, August 2nd, 2023. In addition, the Parke County Annex Building #1 (aka: Emergency Operations Center /EOC) has been reserved for the Circuit Courts' use on Wednesday, August 2nd, 2023 if needed.
 - Sandi Wallace has been working with Emergency Management Director Chris O'Brien to re-start the EMA/LEPC program to provide training volunteers so they would be able to assist during emergencies in Parke County. Training would be provided by FEMA at no cost to Parke County, there are 12 volunteers ready to sign-up for training. Volunteers would cover various tasks until first responders arrive on a scene, two individuals have agreed to provide the training, Randy Kneeland and Jayson Ryan, both have facilitated training in the past. Sandi Wallace and Chris O'Brien will work on a proposal for the program, and submit it for the Board of Commissioners and Nick Sauter to review.
- VI. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - County Auditor Mary Anne Wood, reported that payments for the Union Hospital Clinton Security program have continued to be received even though the County Council recommended the contract between Union Hospital Clinton and Parke County be terminated. Jim Meece was at the County Council meeting on Thursday, May 11th, 2023 and after some discussion, he agreed that the contract should be terminated.

Union Hospital Clinton is no longer remitting any monies towards the employer portion of the police pension retirement for Parke County Deputies, therefore a separate payroll is being processed for the Union Hospital Security compensation in order to remove the police pension withholdings and deductions, as well as, any duplicate bi-weekly deductions for Deputies working this security detail.

Per Nick Sauter, Union Hospital Clinton must be notified in writing by Monday, August 21, 2023 of Parke County's intent to terminate the contract for the Security Services.

It is recommended that Deputy's should be hired as independent contractors and Union Hospital would provide a 1099 for the services rendered.

VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Parke County Highway, Randy Norman:

- Chip and seal completed on county roads: 1050 N, 650 N and 1020 E
- Work is scheduled to start on Nyesville and Coon Hunter's Hill on Tuesday, July 18th, 2023.
- Jim Meece was contacted by a resident regarding the condition of county roads 100 S & 350 W. Randy Norman will follow up regarding this matter.
- Community Crossing Bid 23-1, in the amount of \$1,023,079.60, was presented for the Boards review. The bid is \$48,022 less than originally quoted, Bruce Hartman made a motion to approve the bid. Jim Meece seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Norman presented a quote from Barney Carroll for covered bridge painting:

West Union Bridge	\$7,500
Portland Mills Bridge	\$3,400
Mill Creek Bridge	\$2,200
Wilkinson Bridge	\$2,800
Cox Ford Bridge	\$3,400

Jim Meece requested that Norman also obtain a quote for both the Mansfield and Bridgeton Covered Bridges, and have them painted if the quote was reasonable.

- Norman stated that there was a used paver available for purchase for approximately \$75,000, a discussion was held in regards to the county doing their own paving again. A motion was made by Jim Meece to purchase the paver, contingent upon approval of funding by the County Council. The motion was seconded by Bruce Hartman and the motion carried unanimously.

Parke County Sheriff's Office, Jason Frazier:

- No report provided

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Bruce Hartman and seconded by Jim Meece. The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Jim Meece, President

Dan R. Collom, 1st Vice President

Bruce A. Hartman, 2nd Vice President

ATTEST:

Mary Anne Wood, Auditor