

**BOARD OF PARKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**February 18, 2019**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 18, 2019, having adjourned from a special meeting on Monday, February 11th, 2019.
- II. **SPECIAL BUSINESS:** Kim Shorter asked the Board to approve the Investment Policy renewal (CD's). Dan Collom made the motion to approve. Bruce Hartman seconded and it carried unanimously.
- III. **ROLL CALL:** Members present were Commissioners Jim Meece, President; Dan R. Collom, First Vice President; Bruce Hartman, Second Vice President; Laura Fischer, Auditor; Rhonda Montgomery, 1st Deputy Auditor and County Attorney Nick Sauter. Also present were Katie Potter, Kim Shorter, Larry Bemis, Pam Sanders, Richard & Bruce Danforth, Justin Cole, Christie Jacob, Julie Lanzone, Randy Noman, Amy Hensley and Chester Craig.
- IV. **MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on Monday, February 4th and special meeting February 11th, 2019 were approved. Motion to accept minutes made by Dan Collom, seconded by Bruce Hartman. Motion carried, unanimously.
- V. **PAYROLL:** County payroll in the amount of \$170,858.41 was approved for release. The motion was made by Dan Collom. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Dan Collom made a motion acknowledging receipt of the Payroll Claims Accounts Payable Report in the amount of \$163,165.33. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- One hand-typed check was presented for JTN Services, Inc. in amount of \$20,719.02 for the Dual Cameras (17 in-car cameras). Bruce Hartman made a motion to approve for payment. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
  - The Parke County Prosecutor's office requested a Professional Consulting agreement with Dossett Consulting, LLC for the Child Support Title IV D reporting. Bruce Hartman made a motion to approve the contract. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
  - The Board reviewed the Honorable Judge Swaim's Court Order suspending the \$20 fee until further notice regarding the Alternative Dispute Resolution Plan.
  - The Board reviewed the Parke County Planning & Zoning Commission January 2019 monthly report.
  - The Board reviewed the Parke County Treasurer's December 2018 & January 2019 monthly reports.
  - Parke County Assessor Katie Potter presented the Board with a contract for Professional Property Tax Services with Nexus Group for representation and reporting services. Potter indicated the Nexus Tax Attorney would represent Assessor in upcoming tax dispute at \$195 per hour, for an approximate total of

\$5,000.00. Bruce Hartman made a motion to approve the Nexus contract. Dan Collom seconded and it carried unanimously.

- Commissioner Meece shared picture samples of fencing with the Board of the recommendation made by Courthouse Head Custodian, Don Pruner. Pruner will remove pole on southwest side of south staircase and extend fence there as well as east side of the south side of the building to hide trash containers. Jim Meece made motion to accept Pruners' recommendation of the beige colored fence. Dan Collom seconded and it carried unanimously.
- The Board reviewed the tort claim filed by Elizabeth Blackburn Shorter & William Shorter.
- The Board reviewed the CDL reimbursement agreement prepared by County Attorney Nick Sauter. If employee leaves/terminates employment within three (3) years, payback options include taking out of last check, or within thirty (30) days of employment termination. Dan Collom made a motion to implement the CDL agreement. Bruce Hartman seconded and it carried unanimously.
- Board reviewed 2018 year-end report of the West Central Solid Waste District.

#### **VII. OLD BUSINESS:**

- Bruce Hartman made a motion to accept the Parke County Department of Highway's annual operations report. Dan Collom seconded the motion and carried unanimously.
- The Board reviewed the revised Utility Easement agreement (U.S. 41 North Sewer Project) prepared by County Attorney Nick Sauter. The agreement allows use of the right-of-way on property 61-06-36-000-205.100-001 for \$1,000.00. The utility easement language is binding and compliant with INDOT regulations and the offer is consistent with other landowners in area. Bruce Hartman made a motion to approve the utility easement through the fairgrounds property. Dan Collom seconded and it carried unanimously. Jim Meece made a second motion to authorize Parke County Auditor, Laura J. Fischer to sign additional needed documentation. Dan Collom seconded and it carried unanimously.

#### **VIII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

##### **Parke County Sheriff, Justin Cole:**

- No report

##### **Parke County Highway, Randy Norman:**

- Norman reported the Highway Department is still down two (2) employees to make maximum. Two employees are obtaining the CDL.
- Norman presented list to Board of thirteen (13) trucking companies who submitted bids to haul gravel for stockpile. Quotes are as follows:

NBL Trucking \$6.35/ton	Rodgers Family Farms, LLC \$8.50/ton
Crane Excavating \$7.50/ton	Dan Cummins \$8.75/ton
Lindley Trucking \$7.50/ton	Carrington Commodity \$9.00/ton
Rock N Haul \$7.60/ton	BSD Industrial Services \$9.00/ton
C-line Trucking \$8.00/ton	Dump Trucks Incorporated \$9.00/ton
Galloway Trucking \$8.00/ton	Langley Trucking \$9.00/ton
Danforth National Resources \$8.00/ton	

- Commissioner Meece reported feedback from other counties regarding the use of Duraberm i.e., do not use with white rock unless Duraberm is on bottom, as it grinds to dust. Other counties reported issues with straight Duraberm, suggested changing the mix (1 to 1 ratio).

**Parke County EMS, Julie Lanzone - no report**

**Parke County EMA911, Amy Hensley**

- Hensley asked board to consider approval of a part-time dispatcher position to be shared by Medical, Law Enforcement and Fire services. Hensley requested a line item of \$7,800.00 for salary and no benefits. Hensley will present request to Parke County Council for appropriation (must come from 911 money). Hensley will prepare a job description to present with appropriation request. Meece made a motion to approve Hensley's request. Collom seconded and it carried unanimously.
- Hensley requested Commissioners grant her authority to be signatory on grant applications for the purpose of obtaining Federal or State financial assistance from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security or the Indiana Homeland Security Foundation. Meece made a motion to update Resolution 2017-05 and include signatory as follows, the Parke County Commissioner, the County Auditor or the Director of EMA911. Dan Collom seconded and it carried unanimously.
- Hensley reported that Southwest Parke Schools will take the overhead projector(s) and white board, from the EMS building.

**IX. PERSONS REQUESTING TIME ON THE AGENDA: None**

- Commissioner Meece addressed audience on the purpose of the Commissioners' special meetings regarding the Department of Highways. Changes have been made in that Parke County has now leased four (4) graders, purchased brush head and new trucks, reduced the material being extracted from gravel pit (Montezuma) and looking at substitutes (Duraberm). The main goal however is to get all roads passable. Meece reported that the Department of Highway has applied for the Community Crossing Grant which will pay for 10 miles of road. The Department is still short of laborers.

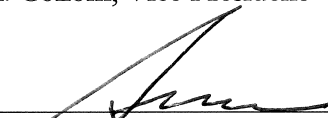
**X. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Richard and Bruce Danforth voiced issues with the use of Duraberm within 100 feet of water well. It cannot be used under asphalt as the chemical reaction causes the asphalt to bubble. Indicated that Montgomery County discontinued use of the product.

Christie Jacob, Purdue Extension office reported 576 4-H participants this year with 9 new volunteers.

XI. **ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Jim Meece and seconded by Dan Collom. The meeting adjourned at 5:27p.m.

  
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Jim Meece, President

ABSENT  
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Dan R. Collom, Vice President

  
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Bruce Hartman, Second Vice President

ATTEST:

  
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Laura J. Fischer, Auditor