

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 6, 2019

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 6, 2019, having adjourned from a regular meeting on Monday, April 15, 2019.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Members present were Commissioner Jim Meece, President; Dan R. Collom, First Vice President; Bruce Hartman, Second Vice President; Laura J. Fischer, Auditor; Rhonda Montgomery, 1st Deputy Auditor and County Attorney Nick Sauter. Also present were Darrell Smith (VS Engineering), Jacqueline Torongeau, Pam Sanders, Mike Strack, Levi Zook, Jr., Christ King, Julie Lanzone, Larry Bemis, Daniel Kuldziel (VS Engineering), Justin Cole, Jason McHargue and Randy Norman.
- III. **MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on Monday, April 1 and the Special Meeting held on Monday, April 8, 2019 were approved on a motion made by Dan Collom and seconded by Jim Meece. The motion carried unanimously.
- IV. **PAYROLL:** County payroll in the amount of \$169,237.29 was approved for release on Monday, May 6, 2019 on a motion made by Bruce Hartman. Dan Collom 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 \$257,179.05. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- V. **CLAIMS:** After reviewing the Claims Docket, claims in the amount of \$679,732.95 were approved for release on May 6, 2019 on a motion made by Bruce Hartman and seconded by Dan Collom. The motion carried unanimously.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - Dan Collom made a motion to approve hand-typed checks in the amount of 1.) \$22,240.14 payable to Cleaver Cabling & Consulting, Inc. for the new server at the Courthouse and 2.) \$7,500.00 payable to Hardhats & Hammers for the Rockville Lake Park manager's residence. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - **Home Rule Ordinance 2019-12.** Bruce Hartman made a motion for same day/same meeting, seconded by Dan Collom. Motion carried unanimously. Bruce Hartman then made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-12 regarding the use of funds from the Home Rule fund. Dan Collom seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
 - SRI Tax Sale Support Services Addendum presented for the 2019 Tax Sale, to be held September 20, 2019. Auditor Fischer pointed out the only change in the Addendum is the parcel fee increases from \$75 to \$100. Bruce Hartman made a motion to approve the SRI Addendum. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Bruce Hartman also made a motion to approve the SRI Tax Sale work-plan and Dan Collom seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The Board reviewed a letter from Honorable Judge Swaim appointing Nicole Crum to the Rockville Lake Park Board. Ms. Crum replaces Robert Jones, who has resigned. Nicole Crum's contact information is 10551 North Bloomingdale Road, Bloomingdale, Indiana 47832, cell number (765) 366-1187.
 - The Board reviewed a notice from Duke Energy regarding Aerial Saw Side-Trimming in the area May 6 - October 1, 2019.
 - The Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission Meeting Agenda and Minutes were presented for review.

- The Marathon Pipeline letter advising of upcoming activity in the County right-of-way was presented for review, conducting a survey beginning April 29 and concluded by June 8, 2019.
- The Board reviewed the flyer from DE Head 2 Toe relay to be held June 22, 2019.
- The Board reviewed the request from C.A.R.S. for two volunteers to come in a couple days per week to assist in janitorial work at the courthouse. Meece reached out to George Smith (MJS) to inquire if liability insurance covers volunteers. Smith indicates that the County is automatically covered for volunteer labor and falls under the Worker's Compensation policy, if someone were to be injured. Dan Collom made a motion to approve C.A.R.S. volunteer to assist with janitorial services provided Don Pruner, Head Custodian gives his okay. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- The Board reviewed a request from Washington Township resident Jacqueline Torongeau asking if the County would consider to sell parcel #61-07-24-307-007.100-019, legal description is 003-00381-04 Judson Block 7 Lot 4 24-16-7 CONS 3030038104. This parcel is currently owned by the Trustee of Judson, however there is no longer a Trustee of Judson. County Attorney, Nick Sauter will prepare an affidavit to transfer the property from the Trustee into the Town's name, as the trustees were dissolved. Once transferred, Ms. Torongeau may proceed with notice similar to vacate alley, and to make all adjacent property owners aware of the intent to sell the Public parcel.
- Darrel Smith of V.S. Engineering addressed the Board, quoting the companies' qualifications to submit a bid for the upcoming Bridge Inspections. V.S. Engineering specializes in wooden covered bridges and/or historic bridges. V.S. Engineering has a contract with both Tippecanoe and Fountain counties.
- Plan Commission & Board of Zoning Appeals monthly financial report was presented for review. County Attorney Sauter reports two cases of ordinance violations; in one the property owners have taken steps to clean up the property and in the other, the Judge imposed a fine. The property owner in this case may ask the Judge to modify the fine, but has also cleaned up the property somewhat. Meece inquired of the property on Bridgeton Road, where a trailer caught fire. This issue is close to being resolved. Sauter indicates both cases are set for review hearings.
- The Board reviewed a Notice of 30-Day Period for Public Comment from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. The notice states that IDEM has received an application from Superior Forest Products, LLC located at 6429 W. 100 N., Montezuma, Indiana 47862 for a renewal of its MSOP issued January 24, 2014. If approved by IDEM's Office of Air Quality, this proposed renewal would allow Superior Forest Products to continue to operate its existing source. A copy of the permit application and IDEM's preliminary findings are available at the Montezuma Public Library, 270 Crawford Street, Montezuma, Indiana 47862.

VII. Public Hearing: At this time, 4:38 p.m., The Board **suspended** their regular meeting. Commissioner President Jim Meece opened a public hearing to hear any objections regarding Ordinance 2019-07 creating an Infrastructure Development Zone, as Parke County, Indiana was previously designated as a Broadband Ready Community. The Board desires to further encourage investments by companies in the broadband infrastructure of the county. I.C. 6-1.1-12.5 allows designation of an Investment Readiness Zone allowing for property tax exemptions to companies investing in infrastructure in the Investment Readiness Zone. There being no public objections, Dan Collom made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-07 contingent upon the insertion a Y to the word, County. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Board continued the Public Hearing to provide interested citizens an opportunity to express their views on making application for the Community Facility Grant from USDA Rural Development to upgrade the security camera system for the Parke County Courthouse. Grant was re-advertised as it was originally published as an OKRA, instead of USDA. There being no public objections, Jim

Meece made a motion to move forward with the USDA Grant applications, reauthorize Jason McHargue to pursue the grant. Dan Collom seconded the motion and carried unanimously.

Jim Meece closed the public hearing. The Board **reconvened** the regular meeting at 4:40p.m.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS: none

IX. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Parke County Sheriff, Jason Frazier:

- The Jail count for today was sixty five total, thirty-three county; fifteen Department of Correction, four away, and thirteen out-of-county (Sullivan and Fountain). Billed out \$28,903.00, for inmate housing for the month of April 2019.
- Presented the Department of Corrections (DOC) Report, Uniform Crime Report and Report of Collections for April 2019.
- Cole reports that the Sheriff's Department replaced a refrigeration unit on a walk-in cooler at the jail for approximately \$6,500.00.
- A repair to the AC unit for a motor at the cost of \$300.00, used maintenance person to install.
- Used a power pressure hose to unclog the kitchen drains that have been clogged for a year and half.
- Cole sent out seven requests for bids for a pole barn. He presented three bids on the 40x60 pole barn and will award the bid to G&F Construction at \$24,662.12 Bruce Hartman made a motion to approve Cole contacting G&F Construction for the building of the 40x60 pole barn. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The Parke County Highway Department will level the ground prior to construction.
- Cole reports two new cars on the road now and two more K-9 units will be on the road as soon as the cages have been complete. Vigo County sold Parke County two of their custom built cages for \$1,000 each (1/4 of new cost).
- Meece voiced concerns regarding a resident (New Discovery Road) who has a built a dam on their property and the flood water now flows across New Discovery Road and is causing water damage to the road and to neighboring properties. The law states that you cannot change the natural flow of water. County Attorney Sauter will send the property owner a cease and desist letter.

Parke County Highway Department Superintendent, Randy Norman:

- Meece reported patching today on Bridgeton Road from Rockville to High Banks Road, south of Bridgeton; and from High Banks Road all the way to Rosedale Road
- Norman reported he took possession of the distributor and chip-spreader today.
- Norman reported road work needed on the following:
 - Clay Plant Road needs full pavement, chip and seal.
 - 1,014 feet needs recycled, grater and coal-mix over it @\$9,613.00 (West of Bloomingdale)
 - 200 East, North of Marshall 1709 feet @\$16,577.00
 - 750 North behind Turkey Run Grade School 1520 feet @\$14,766.00
 - 325 West (WAXI Road) 8377 feet @\$80,906.00.
 - 500 East, South of 36 @Swaim's Crossing Road 1056 feet @\$10,249.00
- Norman will reapply for the Community Crossing Grant July 1, 2019. Meece will ask LTAP for recommendations. Next LTAP meeting will be in June in Crawfordsville.

- Dan Collom voiced concerns regarding School Road, where Jack Greenly lives, the water is 18 inches deep in the road and people are trying to drive around the hole in the center of the road and pushed all the gravel up on both sides of the road. There is plugged pipe under road, forcing water across the road. Is there something we can pull through to clear pipe? No, have to replace pipe. Another place east of there where you have to stop as water is traveling across the road. Collom says both places are impassable when it's raining.
- Norman clarifies that where the roads are oiled for dust control, the residents are expected to patch the potholes. Dust control creates a hard surface. If you pay for chip sealer, the county maintains it.

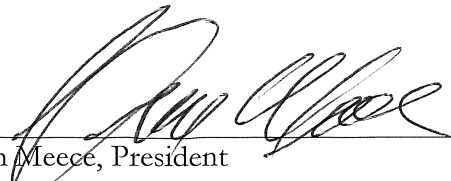
Parke County EMS Director, Julie Lanzone:

- Lanzone reports 121 responses in April, with 83 transports (normal is 75-80).
- Ambulance service reports 31 runs in the first six (6) days of May.
- Lanzone reported that so far this year amount of collection is \$169,088.18. Service is at \$50,000 over last year's collections.
- Collections average is \$47,064.00 (higher than ever before).
- Lanzone advised the Board that we currently have 347 outstanding accounts totaling \$224,422.82 to be collected. A large number of those are moving forward to collections.
- Lanzone has personally contacted patients, once denial from Medicare comes back to explain collections.
- Two accounts were sent to mediation this month; one of which is against an estate.
- Med III went down coming back from transporting a patient to the hospital (seized pulley) and Med I hit a deer. Using last back-up truck now.
- Parke County Ambulance is taking part in the Teddy Bear Clinic, May 15 as part of the new Public Outreach campaign, On May 20 @Union Hospital Clinton during EMS week, some Parke County EMTs will receive a recognition award presented by their peers.
- If Pruner does not need the C.A.R.S. volunteers at the courthouse, Lanzone can utilize them at the Ambulance Services building.

X. PERSONS REQUESTING TIME ON THE AGENDA: Levi Zook and Christ King, business owners in Parke County from the Buggy Owners community were present to discuss ideas about collecting fees for and distributing buggy plates throughout the Amish community. Mr. Zook educated the Board regarding the different types of buggies i.e., open front buggy, the market wagon, spring wagon, breaking cart and pony cart. Mr. Zook expressed a desire to build open communication and trust between the Amish community and others residents of Parke County. Mr. Zook explained that there are 266 Amish families in Parke County, divided between 10 church districts. Each districts holds about 30-35 families. Discussion was held regarding allowing the church district to identify each buggy owner, collect fees from the owners and purchase all buggy plates at one time; then the church would redistribute the plates to the owners. Meece expressed that the buggy fee is currently \$50 per plate however, it may raise to \$100 per plate, to be consistent with other counties.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

XII. 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 6:01 p.m.



Jim Meece, President



Dan R. Collom, 1st Vice President

ABSENT

Bruce Hartman, 2nd Vice President

ATTEST:



Laura J. Fischer, Parke County Auditor