

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**July 6th, 2015**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 6th, 2015, having adjourned from a regular meeting on Monday, June 15th, 2015.
- II. ROLL CALL:** Members present were Commissioners Jim Meece, President; Dan R. Collom, First Vice President; Bruce Hartman, Second Vice President and Pam Adams, Auditor. County Attorney John Asbury was absent. Also present were Pam Sanders, Mike Strack, Larry Bemis, Timothy Dickerson, Randy Norman, Sheriff Justin Cole, Amy Hensley and Terry Hensley.
- III. MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on Monday, June 15th, 2015 were approved on a motion made by Dan Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The motion carried unanimously.
- IV. PAYROLL:** County payroll in the amount of \$150,987.52 was approved for release on Monday, July 13th, 2015 on a motion 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 \$199,429.68. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- V. CLAIMS:** The Board reviewed the Accounts Payables Docket, in the amount of \$801,185.39, Commissioner Bruce Hartman inquired as to why the amount was so high this month. Auditor Pam Adams explained that claims this month included two new dump trucks for the County Highway Department at approximately \$285,000.00 and invoices for Bituminous Materials were just under \$190,000.00 there were also some additional items like the new courtesy dock at Rockville Lake Park which added up to a significant amount. Dan Collom made a motion to approve claims as submitted for release on July 6th, 2015. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- VI. NEW BUSINESS:**
- Pam Adams presented the 2015 SRI Tax Sale Services Master Agreement for the Commissioners consideration; Adams stated County Attorney John Asbury has reviewed the document and the additions he recommended have been included and Asbury is now satisfied with the agreement. Bruce Hartman made a motion to approve the agreement between Parke County and SRI, Inc. for the 2015 Parke County Property Tax Sale. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
  - Dan Collom made a motion to approve a check to be processed outside of the regular claims cycle payable to SRI, Inc. in the amount of \$917.62. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
  - The Board reviewed ARSEE Engineers, Inc. Progress Meeting report No. 1 and Field Report(s) No. 2, 3 & 4 in regards to progress on the Courthouse Clock Tower. Jim Meece stated there will be a meeting tomorrow, July 7th, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. and after that there will be meetings every two weeks.
  - Adams requested to be allowed to make payments to Old National bank for the Courthouse Clock Tower Loan outside of the regular claims cycle to ensure there are no late charges or fees. Bruce Hartman made a motion to authorize the Auditor to make payments to Old National Bank on the Clock Tower Loan outside the regular claims cycle. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried.
  - Adams presented the Commissioners with Budget Form 144's containing the 2016 Departmental Salary Requests. After a discussion the Commissioners determined to convene in a special meeting on Tuesday, July 14th, 2015 to review the requests before making their recommendation to the County Council.
  - The Board also determined there is a need to make two adjustments to their 2015 meeting schedule. The meeting regularly scheduled for Monday, July 21, 2015 will be postponed until Monday, July 27th, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. And the September 21st, 2015 regular meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. instead of 4:00 p.m.
  - The Treasurer's and Clerk's monthly report were presented for review.
- VII. OLD BUSINESS:**
- Jim Meece stated Judge Swaim rescheduled the meeting regarding the mural on the second floor of the Courthouse for Wednesday, July 17th, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

- Meece also stated the company who were building the hog operation in the northern part of Parke County has withdrawn. Meece went on to say there is another individual who may be interested in the property.

#### VIII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

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

- The Jail count for today was fifty-two. Forty-seven County and six out of county inmates.
- Presented the monthly Report of Collections, DOC Report and UCR Report for June 2015.
- Presented the semi-annual Commissary Report, stated commissary revenues are up slightly possibly because it is being run twice per week instead of once per week as it was done in the past.
- Reported parts for the equipment in the pump room are unavailable; has a quote to replace the failing equipment in the amount of \$35,000.0.
- Reported there will be available parking at Scott Pet Products for the Parke County Fair, but there are stipulations: The only lots to be used are the ones in plain view, no parking behind the structures and the 4-H Junior Leaders must pick up trash on the property.
- Interviews for the 2 open Deputy Sheriff positions will be held both this week and next week.
- Jim Meece asked Sheriff Cole to prepare a tiered salary schedule for Deputies at the Sheriff's Department. Meece stated he has never understood why a Deputy Sheriff who is hired off the street should make the same pay as a Deputy who has 20 years of experience.

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

- Submitted employee service records for the 2nd quarter.
- Presented a claim in the amount of \$6,950.00 from Clark Dietz for Bridge Inspections.
- Presented a Consent Agreement with Parke County REMC and Wabash Valley Power to install utility lines in the County's right-of-way. If the County ever needs the utility lines moved the electric companies have to move them. Norman advised the Commissioners that John Asbury has reviewed the agreement and feels that it is in order. Dan Collom made a motion to enter into the Consent Agreement with Parke County REMC and Wabash Valley Power and allow the installation of utility lines in the County right-of-way. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried.
- Norman advised the Board that Mike Chapman is building a new barn on County Road 500 N; Chapman is also having tree-phase electric installed to the barn. In order to complete the installation the west side of the road will need to be cleaned and the ditches cleared. Chapman has agreed to do the work, but would like permission to close that section of the road while he is working on the road.
- Wedging and patching is being done on County Road 600 W. Wedging has begun on Catlin Road, two wedges have been done on Virostko Road near the bridge, three wedges have been done on County Road 275 just off Catlin Rd. Crews also continue to fill pot holes.
- The surface planer that has been rented is working well, but it is only 18" wide so it cannot be used on really large areas. Norman said they have an old 5' planer, but it has design issues.
- Norman reported they were at 100 N to the north of the Leonard property and it appears to be in pretty good shape right now.
- Dan Collom stated semi-trucks cannot make the curve at Catlin Road; Collom thinks the sod needs to be cut back.
- Bruce Hartman received a call regarding 250 N near Roger Busenbark's property, the road needs graded. On Nyesville Road just down from the Steve Brattain property there is an issue with a drain; Hartman stated it was reported there may be a capped pipe.
- Hartman also inquired about getting a championship sign for the Rockville ROX baseball team winning their division at the State Championship this year. The County will get permission to put the sign up and will have to pay for it.
- The will need to hire a new Bridge Carpenter and two Laborers. Jim Meece wanted the minutes to reflect the Board of Commissioners appreciation to Ronald Cope who worked for the Parke County Highway Department for twenty years and to Dennis Anderson for eleven years with the Department.
- The Zach Cox Bridge needs grates.
- Meece stated the Parke County Convention and Visitors Commission uses funds each year toward a bridge project. Meece suggested this year to do brush cutting and asked Norman if he knew anyone who might be interested in doing the work. Norman stated he would check around.

**IX. PERSONS REQUESTING TIME ON THE AGENDA:**

- Tim Henderson with the Assembly of God Church appeared to request the use of the Courthouse lawn on August 21st, 2015 to put on a program with the church benefitting from proceeds. After a discussion in which the Commissioners declined to allow the Assembly of God Church to use the Courthouse lawn for their program. During the discussion Commissioner Jim Meece stated that if the Board allowed the use for this entity then they would have to allow any group and/or organization the use to the lawn. The Commissioners all stated they personally would not be opposed to the program being held on the Courthouse lawn; but if in the future a group requested to use the lawn for a purpose the Board was in opposition to it could create legal ramifications. Henderson stated he completely understood and had an alternate location in mind.

**X. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

EMS Director Terry Hensley provided the Commissioners with information for the new EMS vehicle. Hensley provided quotes on four different vehicles and made a recommendation of a Dodge RAM 1500 as his preference. Bruce Hartman made a motion to accept Hensley's recommendation contingent upon the grant funding and the County Council providing the matching funds. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Emergency Management/E911 Director Amy Hensley advised the Commissioner of the LEPC Exercise scheduled for September 9, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

The State has declared a state of disaster for June 7th – June 27th, 2015; Hensley has been reaching out to communities regarding their damages to seek reimbursement. So far there has been no response or the amounts were minimal.

Jerry Newlin of Bloomingdale is wanting to get hazard mitigation where Leatherwood crosses old town; this will require all involved entities (DNR, County, and the Corporation of Bloomingdale) to work to get the mitigation done. Hensley reported the wall is failing which will put houses at risk for flooding.

Hensley requested permission to apply for the Emergency Management Performance Salary Reimbursement Grant and the Sate Homeland Security Program Grant. Dan Collom made a motion to allow Hensley to proceed with the grant applications. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried.

**XI. 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 6:11 p.m.

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Jim Meece, President

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Dan R. Collom, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

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Bruce A. Hartman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

ATTEST:

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Pam Adams, Auditor