

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**December 21st, 2015**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 21st, 2015, having adjourned from a regular meeting on Monday, December 7th, 2015.
- II. ROLL CALL:** Members present were Commissioners Jim Meece, President; Dan R. Collom, First Vice President; Bruce Hartman, Second Vice President; Pam Adams, Auditor; Janie Hardman, 1st Deputy Auditor; and County Attorney John Asbury. Also present were Earl A. Johnston, Larry Bemis, Randy Norman and Paul McCain.
- III. MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting on Monday, December 7th, 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 \$147,254.70 was approved for release on Monday, December 28th, 2015 on a motion made by Dan Collom. Bruce Hartman 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 \$235,225.47. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The Board acknowledged receipt of the November Monthly Financial Report.
- V. NEW BUSINESS:**
- Dan Collom made a motion to approve a hand-typed checks in the amount of \$10,350.00 payable to M & M Lawnmower; in the amount of \$160,016.00 payable to HCC Public Risk Claim Service, Inc. for liability insurance; and in the amount of \$141,999.00 payable to Indiana Public Employers' Plan for worker's compensation insurance. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
  - Dan Collom made a motion to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement between Parke County and Julie Estell. The agreement names Estell as the Court Appointed Special Advocate for Parke County. The County will pay Estell \$20,000.00 per year, payable bi-weekly. The contract is on a month-to-month basis. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
  - Bruce Hartman made a motion to accept the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the Courthouse Clock Tower Repair Project. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The Board complemented ARSEE Engineers and Phil Savich.
  - The Board reviewed an invoice in the amount of \$11,695.00 from ARSEE Engineers, Inc. for professional services from October 31st, 2015 to November 27th, 2015.
  - Dan Collom made a motion to approve the application for payment from Bulley & Masonry Restoration, LLC. In the amount of \$189,911.53. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
  - Bruce Hartman made a motion to table the CNA Surety contract status inquiry for the Courthouse Clock Tower repair project until the next meeting or such a time as the project is complete. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
  - Bruce Hartman made a motion to enter the Extension Contractual Services Agreement between Purdue University and Parke County. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
  - The Board reviewed a claim acknowledgement from HCC Public Risk Claim Service, Inc.
  - A letter from Peters Municipal Consultants, LTD regarding long-term financial planning was reviewed by the Board.
- VI. OLD BUSINESS:**
- Jim Meece informed the Board of water on the clock tower floor. Meece will check the next time we have rain to determine if there is a leak or the wind may have blown the rain in through the louvers.
  - Jim Meece reported the new telephone system will now have a firewall at each location. Meece anticipates an updated agreement will be presented at the next Commissioner meeting.

**VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**Parke County Sheriff, Justin Cole:**

- The Jail count for today was seventy; forty-two County, two department of correction, twenty-six out-of-county.
- Deputy Mikel Miller's last day will be December 28th, 2015.

**Parke County Highway, Randy Norman:**

- Norman reported the death of a non-county employee at the gravel pit. The driver had delivered a load of calcium and pulled over to rest before leaving the pit and had a heart attack.
- The speed limit sign on Coxville Road has been changed to thirty miles per hour.
- Parke County REMC has installed the guard rail on Hixon Road.
- Norman will check County Road 500 South near Paul McCain's property to determine if stone can be added to improve the condition of the road.

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

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Earl Johnston, Penn Township resident, appeared before the Board to question County Road 200 West. Johnston stated the road is only a lane and should only be twelve feet wide. Auditor Pam Adams provided documentation which states that all County Roads have "a thirty (30) foot right-of-way unless otherwise specified"; according to the Parke County Road inventory the provided by Highway Supervisor Randy Norman County Road 200 West has a thirty-three (33) foot right-of-way. Adams stated Plat Supervisor Karen Lewis is reviewing Commissioners Minutes to find details regarding this road. Commissioner Jim Meece measured the road and there is not any portion wider than twenty-five feet. Johnston will have the property surveyed.

The Board declared the next meeting will be January 4th, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

**X. 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 4:50 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