

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 6th, 2026

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 6th, 2026, having adjourned from a regular meeting on Monday, June 15th, 2026.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Members present were Jim Meece, President; Dan Collom, first Vice President; Bruce Hartman, Second Vice President; Susan Kramer, Auditor. Also, present were Cyndi Todd, Matt Romalia, Kurt Lanzone, Beth Martin, Jason Frazier, Janet Wall-Myers, Josh Gaskill and Tim Smith.
- III. **MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on Monday, June 15th, 2026, were approved on a motion from Dan Collom. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

I. PAYROLL:

Note: **The Parke County Board of Commissioners is not approving authenticity of the claims presented but are approving what claims are received.**

County payroll in the amount of \$201,458.77 due for release on Monday, June 29th, 2026, was approved on a motion made by Dan Collom. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Acknowledgement of receipt of Payroll Claims Accounts Payable Report for June 29th, 2026, in the amount of \$209,529.46 was approved on a motion made by Dan Collom. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

II. NEW BUSINESS:

- Beth Martin, Planning and Zoning Administrator presented Ordinance 2026-12 detailing the subdivisions proposal by Guardian Property Investments, LLC which was previously approved by the Parke County Plan Commission on May 28th, 2026. Dan Collom made a motion to approve the planned subdivision by Guardian Property Investment, LLC. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion, and it carried it unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-12

AN ORDINANCE to approve the submitted plan.

WHEREAS, the Parke County Plan Commission heard a proposal for the aforementioned plat of Guardian Property Investments, LLC on May 28, 2026, at its regularly scheduled public meeting.

AND WHEREAS, on that date, said Commission decided by a unanimous vote to recommend that said proposal be adopted by the Parke County Board of Commissioners and duly certified said recommendation to the Parke County Board of Commissioners on the 6th day of July, 2026;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to I.C. 36-7-4-608(e), the Parke County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to adopt said proposal as certified;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PARKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, PURSUANT TO I.C. 36-7-4-608(e), THAT:

Guardian Property Investments, LLC subdivision be approved.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Zoning Administrator for the Parke County Plan Commission shall update the County Zoning maps in accordance with this decision.

Unanimous consent of all members present on July 6, 2026, to consider the ordinance on the same date as introduced.

DULY ADOPTED this 6th day of July, 2026

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- Jim Meece presented a draft ordinance for Solar Farms in Parke County. Jim Meece met with Tippecanoe County about their ordinances regarding solar farms. Tippecanoe County's ordinance states that a solar farm may not exceed 400 acres with at least a one-mile break in between the next solar farm. Their ordinance also talks about setbacks of at least 500 feet on the side that property owners share with the solar farm. If the solar farm and a property owner share two sides, then the setbacks are 750 feet on each side they share. If the solar farm and a property share three sides, then there is 1,000 feet set back required. If a solar farm is across the street from a property

owner, then there is 1,500 feet set back required. Setting these setbacks helps to prevent the property owner from feeling surrounded or blocked in by solar farms. Jim Meece stated that there will be continued discussion concerning Solar ordinances over the next two months. This draft will be available in the Auditor's Office. Ideas will be collected there as well. Jim will make a list of any proposed changes that will be discussed during the Parke County Board of Commissioners' meetings. Then a new ordinance will be codified at the August 24th, 2026 Parke County Board of Commissioners' Meeting.

- Resolution 2026-05 Authorizing application submission and local match commitment was presented by Cyndi Todd. Dan Collom made a motion to approve the submission of the grant request by Cyndi Todd. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2026-05

AUTHORIZING APPLICATION SUBMISSION AND LOCAL MATCH COMMITMENT

RESOLUTION OF THE PARKE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, INDIANA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF THE CDBG APPLICATION TO THE INDIANA OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND RURAL AFFAIRS AND ADDRESSING RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, the Parke County Commissioners (hereby known as the "Commissioners", Indiana recognizes the need to stimulate growth and to maintain a sound economy within its corporate limits; and

- a. WHEREAS, the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, authorizes the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs to provide grants to local units of government to meet the housing and community development needs of low- and moderate-income persons; and*

WHEREAS, the Commissioners conducted or will conduct public hearings prior to the submission of an application to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, said public hearings to assess the housing, public facilities and economic needs of its low- and moderate-income residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Commissioners that:

1. The Cyndi Todd is authorized to prepare and submit an application for grant funding to address the Parke County Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation opportunity, and to execute and administer a resultant grant including requisite general administration and project management, contracts and agreements pursuant to regulations of the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.
2. The Commissioners hereby will use the in-kind grant of \$20,000 from the Parke County Community Foundation as the local fund match.
3. The non-profit, Community Action Program of Western Indiana, will be the subrecipient of the grant if awarded.

Adopted by the Commissioners this 6th day of July 6, 2026.

- There was one out-of-cycle check request that was presented for approval. The check request is for Kurdziel Barker Engineering in the amount of \$840.00 for the Highway Department's On-Call Services for Bridges. Dan Collom made the motion to approve the out-of-cycle check request for Kurdziel Barker Engineering. Jim Meece seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- Christopher O'Brien, Emergency Management Director presented a reimbursable grant request from Indiana Department of Homeland Security for the purchase of barriers to assist in the protection of soft targets from vehicles during the Covered Bridge Festival. Jim Meece made a motion to approve Chris O'Brien's request to seek grant funding. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Susan Kramer, Parke County Auditor presented the 2026 Covered Bridge Certification for approval by the Parke County Commissioners per IC 8-14-1-10. Dan Collom made a motion to approve the Covered Bridge Certification as presented. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Matt Romalia, Parke County Highway Superintendent presented a quote from Collom Excavating, LLC for the Nevins Covered Bridge repair with material and labor the quote was for \$292,940.00. Bruce Hartman made a motion to approve the quote for the Nevins Bridge repair as presented. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

- Amendment to Resolution 2026-04 regarding Parke County Board of Commissioners approving the issuance of Bonds. Bruce Hartman made a motion to approve the amendment to Resolution 2026-04 (2026-06). Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

IV. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Matt Romalia, Parke County Highway Superintendent

- Four bridges have been cited needing repair by the Highway Superintendent, County Commissioners and County Council:
 1. Nevins Bridge – received quote for repairs, currently closed, which heavily impact the 200 plus cars traveling this daily.
 2. Sims Smith Bridge – will remain open for usage.
 3. Portland Mills – currently closed.
 4. Conley Ford Bridge – severe storm damage, Highway department will place a blockade to close the bridge.
- The Highway Department is currently chip sealing in Judson and Howard.
- The Highway Department will be setting a 12 X 25 culvert tomorrow on Midway, Commissions also recommended adding guardrails to Midway Bridge.

Jason Frazier, Parke County Sheriff

- National Night Out during the Parke County 4H Fair will held July 16th, 2026 from 5:00 – 9:00 pm.
- Bridgeton road closure will remain the same for this year for the Covered Bridge Festival.

Kurt Lanzzone, Parke County Extension Director

- Presented the new 2026 Parke County Fair booklet that was created by Kurt and his staff highlighting daily events, sponsors, volunteer recognition and 4H members.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Jim Meece discussed the Draft copy of the Solar Farms and handed out copies to several members of the audience. The draft copy is also available in the Auditor's office or by email request to the Auditor's office.

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 4:49 p.m.

Jim Meece, President



Dan R. Collom, 1st Vice President



Bruce A. Hartman, 2nd Vice President

ATTEST:



Susan Kramer, Auditor