

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 17th, 2020

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 17th, 2020, having adjourned from a regular meeting on Monday, August 3rd, 2020.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Members present were Commissioners Jim Meece, President; Dan R. Collom, Vice President; Bruce Hartman, Second Vice President; Laura Fischer, Auditor; Henry Harper, 1st Deputy Auditor; Tammy Thomas, 3rd Deputy Auditor; and County Attorney Nick Sauter. Also present were William Osmon, Larry Bemis, Heather Thompson, Penny Cox, Demetrius Sanders, Martin Miranda, Kevin Carr, Donna Collins, and Cyndi Todd.
- III. **MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting August 3, 2020 were approved on a motion made by Dan Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The motion carried unanimously.
- IV. **PAYROLL:** The County payroll in the amount of \$176,019.78 was approved for release on Monday, August 17, 2020 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 \$303,211.24. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- V. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- A request for one invoice to be paid outside of the regular claims cycle was reviewed by the Board. The invoice is from Barney Carroll for bridge painting of Neet, McAllister, Crooks, Big Rocky Fork, State Sanitarium, and Marshall bridges in the amount of \$21,400.00. Dan Collom made the motion to approve to pay this claim out of regular claims cycle. The motion was seconded by Bruce Hartman and it passed unanimously.
 - Jane Collisi and George Nicholas (Dan's proxy on the WCSWD board) from the West Central Solid Waste District came before the board and presented their program for review. Montgomery County is pulling out of this group, but Ms. Collisi doesn't foresee any monetary or physical changes. Last year the Electronics recycling day collected over 9,000 pounds, the Tox Away Day from last year collected 86,915 pounds of tires, appliances, electronics, and household waste. The recycling center at Rockville collected 235 tons of materials. Ms. Collisi stated that the recycle bins at the old Shopko building are emptied as follows: Cardboard bin picked up on Mondays and Thursdays. The other waste bins are picked up on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. She explained their invoice for 2021. The cost calculates to be \$1.75 per person based on the current census population. Mr. Meece suggested she meet with the County Council and present the same program. Approval of the 2021 invoice was made on a motion by Jim Meece and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The motion passed unanimously.
 - The Board reviewed a check from Traveler's Insurance for \$10,075.00 for damages to the county highway garage door.
 - The Board reviewed two claims for losses. The Board also reviewed a copy of a letter from Traveler's Insurance to William Dillion stating the denial of his claim against the county.
 - The Board reviewed the treasurer's report for the month of July.
- VI. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- The Board inquired of Attorney, Nick Sauter, the status of the property in Diamond to be sold. Mr. Sauter stated he has yet to get the notices sent out to be able to accept bids.
 - Cyndi Todd of Partnership Parke County presented the design of the sign for the EOC building since Commissioner Dan Collom was unable to attend the meeting when it was first brought before the

board. The Commissioners agreed on a design and Ms. Todd agreed to present cost figures when they become available.

- Ordinance 2009-12 sets the fine violations for vendors not having a transient merchant license. There has never been anything in place for the landowner to be sure that the vendors on their property is a legal entity (valid TML license). The Auditor's office has been in charge of this in the past. Ordinance 2009-12 reads in part "whereas, 2009, requires that any transient merchant conducting business in Parke County Indiana must have a valid TML issued by the Parke County Auditor's office and whereas property owners are in a better position to ensure that transient merchants that are conducting business on said property owners property hold a validly issued transient merchant license and as the county commissioners have determined that a penalty shall be imposed for a property owners failure to ensure a transient merchant that is conducting business on his property possess a validly issued transient merchant license prior to conducting business and now let it be ordained that the penalty for property owners failure to ensure that any transient merchant that is conducting business on said property owners property has a validly issued transient merchant licenses prior to conducting business shall be a fine of \$500 and said fine shall be imposed per occurrence per day that is every separate violation on every separate day shall result in a separate \$500 fine. In all other respects ordinance 2009-12 shall remain in full force except as specifically amended herein." This ensures that vendors that set up as a transient merchant, which means they are setting up a business at a location other than the address on their retail merchant certificate, that they have a valid transient merchant license under the state statute. That now becomes their responsibility as well, and if the landowner allows illegal (no TML) the landowner responsible and finable for each business he allows to set up on his property.

The motion was made by Bruce Hartman to adopt Ordinance 2020-16 which states that the landowners have the responsibility to ensure that the vendors setting up on their property have a valid transient merchant license issued by the Parke County Auditor's office. The fines for violating this ordinance would be \$500 per occurrence per day per vendor on the said property. The motion was seconded by Dan Collom and it passed unanimously.

VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Parke County EMA/E911, Chris O'Brien:

- Reported the CARES act monies were approved and should be in this week.

Parke County Sheriff's Office/ Jail, Justin Cole: absent

Parke County Highway/ Randy Norman: absent

Parke County Ambulance/Julie Lanzone:

Ms. Lanzone was absent but she sent her monthly report for July for the Commissioners to review. Ms. Lanzone also presented a memo to the commissioners requesting lost vacation time of 44.992 hours be returned to Jerry Cox II, as he has been working extra shifts because of increased volume and COVID and did not get to use it before his anniversary date. Bruce Hartman made the motion to allow Jerry Cox II to carry over his vacation hours until such time as he is able to use it. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The auditor informed the commissioners that the payroll deputy would go in manually and adjust the system.

VIII. PERSONS REQUESTING TIME ON THE AGENDA: none

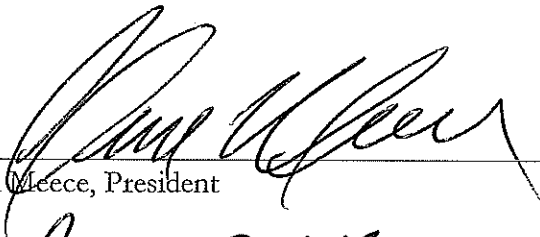
IX. 2020 COVERED BRIDGE FESTIVAL DECISION

Jim Meece made the motion with respect and consideration of the people of Parke County, that the Covered Bridge Festival for 2020 be cancelled and take all steps legally possible to try to limit our exposure and limit the amount of people coming in as guests or vendors. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion. Dan Collom abstained from voting.


Jim Meece made the motion that no TML licenses be sold, and to send a letter to the Parke County Health Department asking them not to issue any temporary health permits during the 10-day festival time. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

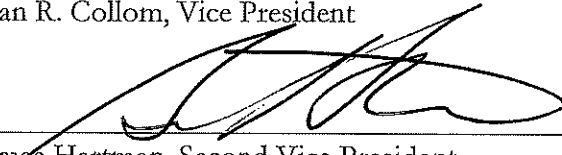
XI. ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Dan Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.



Jim Meece, President

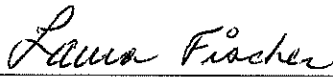


Dan R. Collom, Vice President



Bruce Hartman, Second Vice President

ATTEST:



Laura Fischer, Auditor