

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 7, 2021

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, having adjourned from a regular meeting on Monday, August 16th, 2021.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Members present were Commissioner, Jim Meece, President, Dan R. Collom, First Vice President; Bruce Hartman, Second Vice President; Laura Fischer, Auditor; and Nicole Collings, First Deputy Auditor. Also, present were Justin Cole, John Martin, Randy Norman, Cyndi Todd, Mark Davis, and Chris O'Brien. Absent was County Attorney Nick Sauter.
- III. **MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on August 16th, 2021 were approved on a motion made by Dan R. Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The motion carried unanimously.
- IV. **PAYROLL:** County payroll in the amount of \$186,788.50 was approved for release on Monday, August 30th, 2021 on a motion made by Dan R. Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The motion carried unanimously. Dan R. Collom made a motion to acknowledge receipt of the Payroll Claims Accounts Payable Report in the amount of \$53,093.97. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- V. **CLAIMS:** After reviewing the Claims Docket, claims in the amount of \$818,581.22 were approved for release on September 7th, 2021 on a motion made by Dan R. Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The motion carried unanimously.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - Chris O'Brien presented to the Board a letter for them to sign to send to Integrated Public Safety Commission about the SAFE-T tower in Bridgeton. The letter stated that the tower is frequently trunking and becoming an issue with the response for the teams in Parke County. Bruce Hartman made the motion to sign the letter for Chris O'Brien to get assistance to address the towers issue. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Chris O'Brien had the Double Bee Fence contract to be signed with an attached letter. The letter talked about the shortage in supplies and that it would extent the build into February of 2022. Jim Meece signed the contract that was approved in a prior meeting.
 - Chris O'Brien informed the Board that the grant he applied for the message board was denied. Jim Meece stated that Chris O'Brien could approach the A.R.P. Board to see if they would support the A.R.P. grant money to be applied to helping with the message boards.
 - Matt Stackley with CORE Facilities presented to the Board the Project Administration Services Agreement. In the agreement, Matt Stackley would be the head administrator for different projects in the courthouse and jail. He would get the quotes and oversee the projects. Afterwards, he would report back to the County Commissioners for approval. The projects included fire warning system and work on the elevator in the courthouse. At the jail it would include the air handler system and electronic water control for the cells. Not all projects will be done at once. The agreement has a 70% deposit upon signing and 30% on delivery. Dan R. Collom made the motion to accept the Project Administration Services Agreement and Bruce Hartman seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - Mark Davis with Parke Trails Alliance came and gave an update on the trail progress. They are moving forward with the design and surveying of the land. They asked to use the old Iron Bridge

outside of Bridgeton for the trail. They will remove, disassembly, repair, transport, re-assembly and set it in place on a new location on Little Raccoon Creek just north of Jessup. Jim Meece made the motion to give the Trail Alliance permission to move the old Iron Bridge. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed. Parke Trails Alliance will also be moving forward on the design work on the bridge in Rosedale and drainage work on Whitetail Lane.

- William Frost had sent in information about land that he felt was transferred in error. Nick Sauter will talk to Mr. Frost's attorney about property issue.
- John Deere Financial Lease was reviewed by the Board.
- Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission Meeting Minutes were reviewed.
- Neysa Jones with PCI asked Jim Meece to ask the Board to give them permission to use the square for the Parke County Covered Bridge Festival. Jim Meece made the motion to give PCI permission to use the square for the Bridge Festival. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Travelers Claim was reviewed.
- Jim Meece requested the Laura Fischer; Auditor get in touch with Randy Cleaver with the IT Department about setting up a new WIFI password for the Covered Bridge Festival. Jim Meece wanted the password to be live on October 1, 2021.
- Jim Meece stated that State Task Force was set up today at the fairgrounds until 8 p.m. for Covid vaccines and testing. They will also be there tomorrow from 12 p.m.-8 p.m.

VII: OLD BUSINESS:

- The DAR requested to place a luminaries display on the square in honor of the 20th anniversary of 9/11. Jim Meece made the motion to allow the DAR's request. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Parke County Sheriff, Justin Cole:

- Justin Cole provided a report to the Board. The county has 74 inmates and averaging \$11,688 from the DOC per month in the housing of their inmates.
- Justin Cole stated the two new Tahoe's are awaiting the chips they need before they are delivered.
- Justin Cole asked for an out of cycle check from the LCC Grant for Big Bounce Funhouse Rentals in the amount \$1,901.87 for the National Night Out. Jim Meece made the motion for the out-cycle check for the amount \$1,901.87 and Dan R. Collom seconded the motion.
- National Night out will be September 21, 2021 from 5 p.m.- 8 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

Parke County Highway Department Superintendent, Randy Norman:

- Randy Norman presented to the Board three ordinances for speed limits on roads by Mansfield. First is at Martin Road at County Road 620 S and ending at County Road 775 E. Second is at Mill Road starting at State Road 59 and ending northeast of State Road 59. Third is on County Road 620 S starting a Mill Road and ending at State Road 59. The speed limit will be set at 10 mph. Dan R. Collom made the motion for a same day same meeting motion. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion. Motion passed. Bruce Hartman made the motion to pass Ordinances 2021-08, 2021-09, and 2021-10. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Randy Norman presented an update about paving and chip n' seal. He stated the graders are out running their routes. They will be starting on the brush soon.

- Dan R. Collom asked if Randy knew if PCI is in charge of trimming the trees along Jeffers Ford Road. Dan R. Collom said the left all the brush and logs in the ditches. Randy Norman said he would look into it.
- Dan R. Collom also received a call about some potholes at State Road 59 to where the road Y's at county line near Coal Bluff. Randy Norman stated he would look into it.

IX. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

X. **ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Jim Meece and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.



Jim Meece, President



Dan R. Collom, 1st Vice President

Bruce Hartman, 2nd Vice President

ATTEST:



Laura Fischer,
Parke County Auditor