

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 19th, 2024

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 19th, 2024, having adjourned from a regular meeting on Monday, February 5th, 2024.
- II. ROLL CALL:** Members present were Jim Meece, President; Bruce Hartman, Second Vice President; Nick Sauter, Commissioners' Attorney; Mary Anne Wood, Auditor; and Leanna Collisi, Deputy Auditor. Also present were John Martin, Randy Norman, Jason Frazier, Chris Newcomb, Luke Gill, Tim Yocum, Joe Clark, Stacie Conner, Jessica Lancaster, Pam Sanders and Stephay Dowd.
- III. MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on Monday, February 5th, 2024 were approved on a motion from Bruce Hartman. Jim Meece seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- IV. PAYROLL:** County payroll in the amount of \$230,786.30 was approved for release on Monday, February 26th, 2024 on a motion made by Bruce Hartman. Jim Meece seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Payroll Claims Accounts Payable Report for February 26th, 2024 will be presented at the next meeting on Monday, March 4th, 2024.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

- Mary Anne Wood presented a few out of cycle checks for approval. Two checks were for WIFI for Rockville Lake Park. Innovative Communication Solutions' invoice was \$39,115.00 and Utility Management and Construction, LLC's invoice was \$49,546.00. Chris Newcomb further explained these charges were for boring and install of Hardware for the WIFI. Jim Meece made the motion to approve the payment of \$39,115.00 to ICS and \$49,546.00 to UMAC for a total of \$88,661.00. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Two other out of cycle checks were for THRIVE. One check was for \$5,500.00 through ARP Funds that need to be appropriated by the Parke County Council. This is the one-time match or buy in for having access to the Economic Development Grant for a revolving loan fund of approximately \$800,000.00. This gives developing new businesses accessed to loans to help start up their new ventures in Parke Count by applying through THRIVE/Partnership Parke County. Jim Meece made the motion to approve the \$5,500.00 check to THRIVE. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The second check to THRIVE was for \$54,069.16. This invoice was a \$34,180.50 increase from 2023. This funding supports transportation programs like the THRIVE Bus that gives county residents transportation to doctor's appointments and grocery shopping. It supports Aging and Disabled Services as well. Bruce Hartman made the motion to approve the out of cycle check to THRIVE for \$54,069.16 subject to the Parke County Council finding the funding for the rest of the money needed. Jim Meece seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Mary Anne Wood presented the Commissioners with the Indiana Broadband Infrastructure Investment Zone Application for signing and approval. Jim Meece made the motion to approve the Indiana Broadband Infrastructure Investment Zone Application. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- The Commissioners reviewed the Ordinance 2024-01 regarding the safety and security of the Parke County Courthouse. No weapons in the courthouse and there is a section in the ordinance that allows the offices in the Courthouse and the Annex to exclude the public from certain areas of buildings at the discretion of the office holder. This ordinance will need to be published one time in 30 days. Ordinance 2024-01 was approved and signed the same day, same meeting. Bruce

Hartman made the motion to approve Ordinance 2024-01. Jim Meece seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

Chris Newcomb:

- Chris Newcomb explained that the WIFI at Rockville Lake Park is being funded by the ARP fund and the Lake fund. This will be a great benefit for the visitors of the park.

VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Nicole Collings:

- The Board of Commissioners reviewed the Monthly Clerk's Report.

Stephany Dowd:

- Stephany Dowd with the Judicial Reinvestment Advisory Council informed the Board of Commissioners about the LCC approving a grant application for \$5,000.00 for the Sheriff's Department Narcotics Overtime. The money for the grant will be coming from the 1237 Opioid Restricted Fund. The current balance in this fund is \$70,315.26. This grant will cover overtime costs for the officers conducting narcotic investigations in an off duty capacity. Jim Meece made the motion to approve the \$5,000.00 grant for the Sheriff's Department. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. This will need to be advertised in the paper before the Parke County Council will appropriate the money. Stephany Dowd will need to attend the Thursday, April 11th, 2023 Parke County Council Meeting for the Parke County Council to approve and appropriate the \$5,000.00.

Jason Frazier:

- Jason Frazier reported \$4,460.21 in Collections and \$47,588.50 for Out of County Housing for inmates.

Randy Norman:

- Randy Norman reported that he has quotes for hauling stone and Duraberm. Randy Norman stated that it will \$9.33 a ton to haul from Brad with Lindley Trucking. He has already started and will be hauling about 5,000 tons. It will cost around \$93,000.00 to haul in the stone and Duraberm.
- Randy Norman awarded the paving contract to Milestone Contractors for the Community Crossing Project/Grant. This is for Strawberry Road and 1100 East for \$234,656.40. The Commissioners signed the contract bid. Jim Meece made a motion to approve the Bid from Milestone. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Randy Norman informed the Board of Commissioners that a truck went down. The RCM cooler went out causing a cracked head or block. Randy Norman has ordered a long block, injectors, alternator and water pump at Kenworth for \$34,818.00 and he will have Kenworth install the new parts as well.

- Randy Norman received the bill from Duke Energy for the broken utility pole on Cold Bluff Road that occurred when one of our trucks slid off the road during the ice storm a few weeks ago. It cost \$13,458.53 to replace the pole. He has turned the bill into the insurance company for settlement.
- Randy Norman is waiting on an alternator for a Gradall. It is coming from Southeastern for \$2,300.00.
- The Highway Department is working on patching Liberty, Sugar Creek, Howard, Raccoon, Reserve, Penn and Washington Townships.
- Due to the 41 Construction, the detour is using a county road which the County Highway Department must keep up at least once a week because of the big truck traffic. Many of our residents must travel on the county roads due to the construction. Meaning more wear and tear on the roads as well. Jim Meece mention asking the Town of Rockville for funds to help offset the County Cost of upkeep. It is something to think about.
- The trees on Jackson Bridge and Bowsher Ford Bridge have been cleaned up.

Public Comments:

- Luke Gill, EIT with DES Civil and Environmental Engineering introduced himself to the Board of Commissioners. He explained that his business does sewer, storm, water drains and site designs. He is available if the need should arise for Parke County and would love to submit any competing bids.
- Joe Clark with VS Engineering updated the Board of Commissioners that more deterioration was found on the Melcher bridge and it was being addressed. VS Engineering will begin bridge inspections in April.
- Tim Yocum a County Commissioner for Vermillion County introduced himself to the Board of Commissioners. He is running for State Representative. Tim Yocum thought it was great that Parke County and Vermillion County will be sharing the cost of an Engineer. He thought this was a great opportunity for both counties to work together. Tim Yocum stated that he will be accessible if elected as a State Representative. He would like to attend future Board of Commissioners' Meetings.
- Mary Anne Wood stated that she is working on collecting Bids for the copier contracts. She gave a list of copiers to one Bidder, Andrew Gauer. Ricoh is trying to put together a bid as well.

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 4:41 p.m.

Jim Meece
Jim Meece, President

NOT AT MEETING
Dan R. Collom, 1st Vice President

Bruce A. Hartman
Bruce A. Hartman, 2nd Vice President

ATTEST:

Mary Anne Wood

Mary Anne Wood, Auditor