

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 7, 2022

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, having adjourned from a regular meeting on Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 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; Nicole Collings, First Deputy Auditor; and County Attorney Nick Sauter. Also, present were John Martin, Jessica Lancaster, Cyndi Todd, Pam Sanders, Dan Jones, Kathy Collom and Randy Norman.
- III. **MINUTES:** Minutes were tabled.
- IV. **PAYROLL:** County payroll in the amount of \$201,943.45 was approved for release on Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 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 \$381,350.03. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- V. **CLAIMS:** After reviewing the Claims Docket, claims in the amount of \$844,947.04 were approved for release on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 on a motion made by Dan R. Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The motion carried unanimously.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - Henry Harper, Clerk asked that the Board to consider an increase in the meal allowance for poll workers from the \$8.00 to \$12.00 per meal. Jim Meece made the motion to increase the meal allowance for poll worker. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion.
  - Henry Harper, Clerk asked for approval for Early Voting to be held in SBOA room. Jim Meece made the motion to approve early voting in the SBOA room. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
  - Henry Harper, Clerk provide to the Board the list of polling locations for approval. Bruce Hartman made the motion to approve polling locations. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed.
  - The State 911 Board provided a Certification of Compliance to the Board for approval. Jim Meece made the motion to approve the Certification of Compliance and Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
  - Julie Lanzone, Ambulance Director sent to the Board the Agreement with Morgan County Ambulance Center for the loan of the ambulance. The Board gave their praises to the Parke County Ambulance crew and staff for all their work during this time. They grateful of the surrounding counties for the overwhelming support and gifting of supplies. The Board paid their respect to Micah Meeks-Johnson family on his passing. Dan R. Collom made a motion to sign the agreement with Morgan County Ambulance Center. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
  - Ordinance 2022-02 Home Rule Fund #4016 was presented to the Board for consideration. This will establish a place for the insurance money to go to from the Ambulance Department fire. Jim Meece made the motion for same day same meeting passing of Ordinance 2022-02. Dan R.

Collom seconded the motion. Jim Meece then made the motion to pass the Ordinance 2022-02 Home Rule Fund #4016. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motions passed unanimously.

- Jim Meece stated that two EMT's had done training for the county with the impression that it was covered under a grant. Later, they found out that \$2,236.32 wasn't covered with the grant money. Jim Meece made the motion for the Board of Commissioners cover this bill for both EMT's with the signing of a five-year commitment agreement to the county. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Jim Meece brought to the Board's for their consideration of Ordinance 2022-03 An Ordinance Permitting Virtual Attendance at Meetings. Since the Health Emergency was over this allows the Board to still have virtual meetings as long as majority is present. Jim Meece made the motion to for same day same meeting approval of Ordinance 2022-03 and it was seconded by Bruce Hartman. Jim Meece then made the motion to approve Ordinance 2022-03 and it was seconded by Bruce Hartman. Both motions passed unanimously.
- Jim Meece received notice from Nick Brown that the last set of doors are done and ready to be picked up.
- Wabash River Heritage meeting agenda was reviewed.
- The DNR provided a letter stating that Bill and Carolyn Davis House will be placed on National Register of Historical Places.
- The Traveler's Claim was reviewed by the Board.

#### **VII: OLD BUSINESS: None**

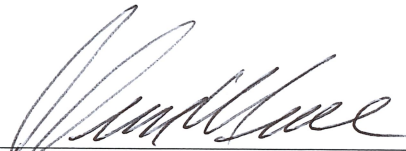
#### **VIII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

##### **Parke County Highway Department Superintendent, Randy Norman:**

- Randy Norman asked the Board for a hand typed check for VS Engineering for \$2,899.29. Jim Meece made the motion to approve the hand typed check. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Randy Norman presented an amendment to the Bridge Inspection Contract. The State was asking for more detail and information on bridges weight limits. This will cause the price to go up on the contract. Bruce Hartman made the motion to approve the amendment to the Bridge Inspection Contract. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion approved.
- With the recommendation of Randy Norman, the Board consulted and agreed to active the standing weight limit on roads ordinance. Jim Meece made the motion to active the Ordinance for weight limit on the road. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Jim Meece asked about a new siding for the Mecca Bridge. An estimate came in at \$3,400. Randy Norman stated that could come up with half of the amount out of his funds for the residing of the bridge. Jim Meece said that he could find the matching fund from other organizations. Bruce Hartman gave Jim Meece the authority to find the match funds along with the approval to side the bridge. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Randy Norman provided update on grading and patching of the roads.

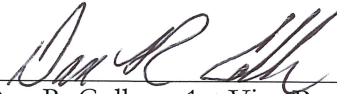
#### **IX. PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

- X. ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Dan R. Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.



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Jim Meece, President



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Dan R. Collom, 1st Vice President

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Bruce Hartman, 2nd Vice President

ATTEST:



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Laura Fischer,  
Parke County Auditor