

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 20th, 2024

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 20th, 2024, having adjourned from a regular meeting on Monday, May 6th, 2024.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Members present were Jim Meece, President; Dan Collom, First Vice President; Bruce Hartman, Second Vice President; Nick Sauter, Commissioners' Attorney; Mary Anne Wood, Auditor; and Leanna Collisi, Deputy Auditor. Also present were Jason Frazier, Jessica Lancaster, Pam Sanders, Lori Dickey, Brenda Briddick, Chester Crague, Tim Dickey, Grant L. Dickey, Matt Stechley, James E. Deal, Don Daniels and Luke Gill.
- III. **MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on Monday, May 6th, 2024 were approved on a motion from Dan Collom. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- IV. **PAYROLL:** County payroll in the amount of \$225,357.14, Union Hospital Security payroll in the amount of \$2,576.34 and Early Voting payroll in the amount of \$1,917.00 were approved for release on Monday, May 20th, 2024 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 May 20th, 2024 in the total amount of \$244,567.07 was approved on a motion by Bruce Hartman. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- V. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - Jason McHargue had a grant request for \$700.00 for the Parke County Drug Court Alumni Annual Picnic. There is no match from the County. Jim Meece made the motion to approve the grant request for \$700.00 for the Parke County Drug Court Alumni Annual Picnic. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- VI. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - Jim Meece mentioned there have been three applications submitted for the Parke County Highway Superintendent position. The next step is to review the applications and make a selection for interviews. If no applicant is chosen, then the position will be reposted.
 - Matt Stechley presented an update on the Parke County Jail exterior repairs. They have been working on the Jail exterior for a week. There needs to be underground drainage work and all new flashing around the facility. Matt Stechley broke down the expenditures. We are a little over budget for the gutter work. We are looking to be under budget for the electrical work. There is \$35,000.00 of unused monies and \$25,000.00 that was budgeted in case for extra expenses. Guarantee Roofing will be completing the gutter replacement at \$8,535.97. In the recreation area, mold has been found. Outside of the recreation room area will get metal siding, soffits and gutters. The plan is to pressure wash everything before gutters and metal soffit are put on. It is recommended to create a rotation every 7-8 years to re-caulk everything to keep this from happening in the future. It will take about 6-8 weeks to complete the Parke County Jail exterior repairs project. The Commissioners approved all repairs. Bruce Hartman made the motion to approve Royalty Services Inc. to power wash the interior and exterior of the jail recreation room for \$2,200.00. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Dan Collom made the motion for Guarantee Roofing to replace the gutters for the recreation room area for

\$8,535.97. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Jim Meece made the motion for AC&I Corporation to replace the soffits for \$9,243.00 and metal siding for \$12,943.00 along with \$400.00 per 4x8 sheet of Dens Glass sheathing. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Nicole Collings:

- The Monthly Report from the Clerk of Parke County Circuit Courts was reviewed by the Board of Commissioners.

Randy Norman:

- The Annual Operational Report for Local Roads and Streets and Bridges was approved on a motion made by Bruce Hartman. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The Commissioners signed the Annual Operational Report for Local Roads and Streets and Bridges. Randy Norman will sign as well.

Jason Frazier:

- Jason Frazier presented the Parke County Board of Commissioners with two grant request applications. The first grant application is through The Parke County Local Coordinating Council (LCC) for the amount of \$10,950.00 to purchase three license plate readers. The second grant request application is through Parke County REMC for \$5,000.00 to assist in the purchase of emergency lights for a police vehicle. Bruce Hartman made the motion to approve the grant application from the LCC for \$10,950.00 for the Sheriff's Department for three license plate readers. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Jim Meece made the motion to approve the grant application from REMC for \$5,000.00 for emergency lights for a Sheriff's Department patrol vehicle. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The Parke County Council will need to sign off on the grant applications.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Matthew Collom discussed the clearing of a right of way along his property line in order to move a fence onto his property. Matthew Collom wanted to move his fence about 10-15 feet since the fence is located on Parke County's property. Nick Sauter suggested having Matthew Collom sign a Hold Harmless agreement to protect the County from any incidents that may occur while clearing the right of way and moving the fence. Nick Sauter will draft a Hold Harmless agreement. Jim Meece made a motion to approve Matthew Collom relocating his fence and opening up a right of way in order to do so, contingent on Matthew Collom signing a Hold Harmless agreement. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Don Daniels wanted to follow up on the paving of Midway Road. Randy Norman had promised to pave Midway Road. Midway Road will be paved by the end of June according to Jim Meece.
- James E. Deal, an Attorney for Chester Crague, presented the Parke County Board of Commissioners with a Notice of Proposal to Vacate Alley located in Bridgeton. James Deal explained that Chester Crague has followed all the legal requirements in order to have the alley

vacated by Parke County. Jim Meece explained that the County would vacate the alley only if no one used the alley. However, currently there is a land owner that does use the alley to access his property. This land owner is Matthew Collom. Matthew Collom stated that if the decision to vacate this alley could be tabled until the Fall, he would have a better understanding if he would need to use this particular alley to access his property. Matthew Collom has had the alley surveyed and it is 309 feet long and 16 feet wide. As was discussed earlier in the meeting, Matthew Collom will be clearing a right of way in order to move a fence onto his property. If the clearing of the right of way has sufficient passage for Matthew Collom to maintain his fence, then he will not have any opposition to vacating the alley that Chester Crague is wishing to close. The Commissioners agreed to table the decision until Fall to vacate the alley in Bridgeton. All parties were good with this decision.

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 4:54 p.m.



Jim Meece, President



Dan R. Collom, 1st Vice President



Bruce A. Hartman, 2nd Vice President

ATTEST:



Mary Anne Wood, Auditor