

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 6th, 2024

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 6th, 2024, having adjourned from a regular meeting on Monday, April 15th, 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; Susan Kramer, Deputy Auditor and Leanna Collisi, Deputy Auditor. Also present were John Martin, Jason Frazier, Jessica Lancaster, Pam Sanders, Julie Lanzone, Stacie Amerman, Brandy Asher, Ken Olson, Jon Lenglade, Johnny McCrery and Luke Gill.
- III. **MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on Monday, April 15th, 2024 and an Executive Session held on Tuesday, April 16th, 2024 were approved on a motion from Bruce Hartman. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- IV. **PAYROLL:** County payroll in the amount of \$225,788.44 and Union Hospital Security payroll in the amount of \$3,743.34 were approved for release on Monday, April 8th, 2024 on a motion made by Dan Collom. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Another County payroll in the amount of \$226,482.73, Union Hospital Security payroll in the amount of \$3,113.94 and Early Voting payroll in the amount of \$1,506.00 were approved for release on Monday, April 22nd, 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 April 8th, 2024 and April 22nd, 2024 in the total amount of \$339,400.88 were approved on a motion by Dan Collom. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Accounts Payable Claims for May 1st, 2024 in the amount of \$ 824,069.55 were approved on a motion from Dan Collom. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- V. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - One out of cycle check needed approval for payment to VS Engineering in the amount of \$1,202.62. This was for work done on the Melcher Covered Bridge. Jim Meece made the motion to approve the payment of an out of cycle check to VS Engineering in the amount of \$1,202.62. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - Nick Sauter is going to wait on publishing a resolution for the RDC giving the EOC building to the Town of Rockville when the RDC owns the building officially.
 - The Annual Congressional Township Fund Report was signed by the Parke County Board of Commissioners and will be sent to the Secretary of Education.
 - Jim Meece met with the Highway Department and Interim Superintendent, Mike Wood. The Highway Department had good ideas on equipment improvements. There was some discussion about changes that need to take place. Currently, there are no applications that have been submitted for the Highway Department Superintendent's position. The deadline is two weeks away, so it is still early. Jim Meece will pick up the applications on May 17th, 2024. The applicants will be discussed during the next Parke County Board of Commissioners' Meeting on May 20th, 2024.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

- The Parke County Board of Commissioners approved Resolution No. 01 adopting an order approved by the Parke County Planning Commission. Jim Meece made the motion to approve Resolution No. 01. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Julie Lanzone:

- Julie Lanzone updated the Parke County Board of Commissioners on the Vermillion County Ambulance Contract. She has sent the Ambulance Contract by Docusign for signatures. The Vermillion County Ambulance Coverage will be from July 1st, 2024 through December 31st, 2024. Julie Lanzone plans on hiring the current Vermillion County Ambulance staff. Vermillion County has purchased one ambulance and is currently working on purchasing another ambulance. They are supplying two stations as well. Julie Lanzone mentioned there was only one change on the contract and that was with the verbiage on the "first pay Friday of every month". Dan Collom made the motion for Jim Meece to sign the Vermillion Ambulance Contract via Docusign. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Randy Norman:

- The Parke County Board of Commissioners will review the Annual Operational Report for Local Roads and Streets and Bridges. It will be signed and approved during the next Parke County Board of Commissioners' meeting on Monday, May 20th, 2024.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Brandy Asher from the Town of Rockville presented a discussion on the South Market Street closures. Two engineering representatives from American Structurepoint, Ken Olson and Jon Lenglade, explained the plans for the area work being done around the Courthouse Square. Sidewalks will be replaced and there will be minimal grading on the lawns of the Courthouse. Generally, American Structurepoint will leave well enough alone. What is level now will stay level. They will build up to the wall and boxes will be installed flush with the lawn. Some conduit will be trenched and seed will be put down. Jim Meece warned American Structurepoint of lines that may have been put in many years ago that no one knows about currently. Proceed with caution in that aspect. Jim Meece asked if they would be impacting the Northwest corner of the Courthouse Square. American Structurepoint Representative explained they will be leaving both fire hydrants in place because there is a water drainage storage tank for the Courthouse and is buried underground which feeds one fire hydrant. Jim Meece asked the contractors from American Structurepoint to let the Commissioners know about any concerns or changes as the project progresses. The Commissioners like to know ahead of time in order to field questions or

concerns from the area residents. Brandy Asher receives weekly updates from Jon Lenglade at American Structurepoint. She will share them with Jim Meece. Jon Lenglade reported the project is on schedule to be completed by September 27th, 2024. All new bricks will be used to make the new road. Jim Meece offered to use the County Gravel Pit in Montezuma as a storage facility for the old bricks. Jim Meece explained this location has easy access and a good storage space. However, Jim Meece will talk with Mike Wood from the Highway Department to mark a storage location. Brandy Asher mentioned that many area residents would like an opportunity to have some bricks.


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 4:29 p.m.



Jim Meece, President



Dan R. Collom, 1st Vice President



Bruce A. Hartman, 2nd Vice President

ATTEST:



Mary Anne Wood, Auditor