

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 3rd, 2024

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 3rd, 2024, having adjourned from a regular meeting on Monday, August 19th, 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, 1st Deputy Auditor; and Leanna Collisi, 2nd Deputy Auditor. Also present were Kim Shorter, John Martin, Josh Nally, Pam Sanders and Mandy Adams-Washburn.
- III. **MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on Monday August 19th, 2024 and an Executive Session held on Friday, August 23rd, 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 \$273,948.91 and Union Hospital Security payroll in the amount of \$1,754.65 were approved for release on Monday, August 26th, 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 August 26th, 2024 in the amount of \$258,026.20 was approved on a motion made by Dan Collom. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Accounts Payable Claims for September 3rd, 2024 in the amount of \$948,486.78 were approved on a motion from Dan Collom. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- V. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - There is one out of cycle check from the Indiana Department of Transportation for \$875.67. This is a repayment of over awarded Community Crossing's Grant Funds for a project that did not cost as much to complete. Dan Collom made the motion to approve the out of cycle payment to the Indiana Department of Transportation for \$875.67. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - Mary Anne Wood, Auditor, presented the Parke County Board of Commissioners with an invoice from HFI Mechanical & Building Solutions for work performed at the Parke County Jail. This invoice was submitted by Core. Jim Meece made the motion to approve the HFI Mechanical & Building Solution's invoice for \$4,501.57. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - Jim Meece made the motion to postpone any decision on the Special Meeting that was held on Tuesday, August 27th, 2024 until further review at the Monday, October 7th, 2024. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - Mary Anne Wood requested that the Courthouse Offices be closed for an hour on Thursday, September 5th, 2024 for Cassie Wittenmyer's visitation. Jim Meece made the motion to close the Courthouse Offices from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, 5th 2024 for Courthouse employees to attend Cassie Wittenmyer's visitation. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - Jim Meece announced that this is Mary Anne Wood's last Board of Commissioners meeting. She will be retiring from the Auditor's position on Friday, September 27th, 2024. Jim Meece complimented Mary Anne Wood on a nice job reorganizing the Auditor's Office. Jim Meece appreciated the hard work that Mary Anne Wood has done as the Parke County Auditor. Dan Collom appreciated everything that Mary Anne Wood has done in the Courthouse as well. Bruce Hartman thanked Mary Anne Wood for doing a great job as the Auditor.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

- The Donald Peoples v. Parke County & INDOT court case email was presented to the Board of Commissioners for informational purposes. Nick Sauter explained that this lawsuit is a result of a motorcycle accident that involved some pot holes on a Parke County Road. Nick Sauter has no personal knowledge of the case, however, Nick Sauter is the contact person for the case. Travelers Insurance is representing Parke County's interest. The information presented is on behalf of the plaintiff.

VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Nicole Collings:

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

Julie Lanzone:

- Jim Meece reported that Julie Lanzone, Tim Yocum, from Vermillion County, and himself attended a meeting on Rural Health in Terre Haute, Indiana. The discussion about Parke and Vermillion Counties working together was well received. Jim Meece expressed the importance of counties helping each other out. Parke County is helping Vermillion County with ambulance coverage assistance. This is at no cost to Parke County. Jim Meece applauded everyone involved in assisting Vermillion County with their ambulance coverage. It has taken many people to get this job up and running smoothly.

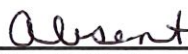
VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Susan Kramer is seeking the Board of Commissioners' approval to purchase a bench in Cassie Wittenmyer's Memory. She is wanting to place this bench outside the Office of the Planning Commission and Zoning in her memory. It is at no cost to Parke County. She is purchasing the bench with her personal money. Susan Kramer explained that her and Kim Shorter purchased a bench and plaque in Henry Harper's memory and placed the bench outside of the Treasurer's Office. There was some discussion on the matter and at one time a memory garden on the Courthouse grounds was thought about to honor those that have passed. Since there was no policy in place, the Parke County Commissioners came to an agreement to allow a bench to be purchased in Cassie Wittenmyer's memory. Jim Meece made the motion to give permission to Susan Kramer to place a bench in the Courthouse in memory of Cassie Wittenmyer for an unspecified amount of time with the understanding that if asked to remove the bench that it would be removed. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

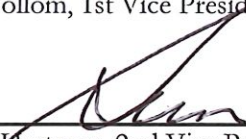
ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Jim Meece and seconded by Dan Collom. The meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.



Jim Meece, President

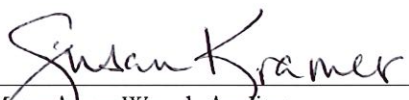


Dan R. Collom, 1st Vice President



Bruce A. Hartman, 2nd Vice President

ATTEST:



~~Mary Anne Wood, Auditor~~
SUSAN KRAMER, 1st Deputy