

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 21st, 2023

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 21st, 2023, having adjourned from a regular meeting on Monday, August 7th, 2023.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Members present were Jim Meece, President; Dan R Collom, First Vice President; Bruce Hartman, Second Vice President; Mary Anne Wood, Auditor; Susan Kramer, Deputy Auditor; and Nick Sauter, Commissioners Attorney. Also present were Randy Norman, Jason Frazier, John Martin, Cyndi Todd, Pam Sanders, Stacie Amerman and Jessica Lancaster.
- III. **MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on Monday, July 17th, 2023 were approved on a motion made by Bruce Hatman and seconded by Jim Meece. The motion carried unanimously.
- IV. **PAYROLL:** County payroll in the amount of \$219,441.13 was approved for release on Monday, August 28th, 2023 on a motion made by Dan Collom. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Due to an issue with Union Hospital Security compensation and the associated police pension withholding, a separate payroll in the amount of \$774.06 was approved for release on Monday, August 28th, 2023 on a motion made by Dan Collom. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Dan Collom made a motion acknowledging receipt of the Payroll Claims Accounts Payable Report in the amount of \$187,985.45. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- V. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - The Board reviewed requests for the following claims to be processed outside of the regular claims cycle. The first is in the amount of \$32,070.00 to Emergency Mobile Tech for work completed on the Parke County EMS ambulance, the second is in the amount of \$150.00 to Indiana Clerk's Association and the third to Onset Computer Corporation, in the amount of \$50.00, for the annual service fee for InTemps CX Gateway(s) for the Parke County Health Department. Jim Meece made a motion to approve the following claims to be processed outside of the regular claims cycle. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - Representative from Core Facilities, Inc discussed multi-level issues with the Jail facility which are causing a multitude of problems including leakage and mold. Core Facilities presented a list of items that will need to be corrected before additional damage is sustained to the facility. Quotes with exclusion were provided for review, project will not commence until April 2024. An Executive Session will need to be scheduled after the September 14, 2023, County Council meeting in regards to this matter.

Aggregate	\$368,000
Contingency	\$25,000
Project Management Fee	(not disclosed)
 - Stephanie Laws, Vice President and administrator at Union Hospital Clinton, as well as, President of Health Department Board presented an update regarding House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1001 – state budget bill in regards to the Governor's Public Health Commission (GPHC) funding for local health departments. Parke County has opted into the program in order to receive public health funding from the State. Laws has worked with members of the Board of Commissioners and County Council in setting up non-reverting fund (1161) and prepared the 2024 budget for \$199,043.00. The proposed budget will need to be submitted to the State Health Department no later than September 1st, 2023 in order for Parke County to move forward with this program.

- An email was received from Mandi Burns who is with the Town of Rockville Bicentennial Committee requesting placing a sign on the Courthouse lawn in 2024 to mark the Town of Rockville's bicentennial. The request indicated the committee would take down the sign during Mainstreet Rockville events and then put the sign back in place. Burns was not present at the meeting to answer questions, therefore the matter was tabled.
- Parke County Resolution 2023-07 Moratorium on Commercial Renewable Energy Project Development within Parke County. The Parke County Board of Commissioners (BOC) previously voted to impose a moratorium on commercial renewable energy development within Parke County, Indiana. And due to the number of impacts that a commercial renewable energy project might have on property for both current and future property owners, the BOC recognizes a need exists to continue to review, consider potential changes or potential changes or potentially adopt land development regulations and/or standards that may pertain to such property uses. The BOC desires to extend said moratorium to allow additional time to consider whether renewable energy projects should be allowed in Parke County Indiana. Jim Meece made a motion to adopt Parke County Resolution 2023-07. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- A notification from Travelers Insurance was received indicating the Indiana Court of Appeals granted a motion to dismiss Mr. Baugh's appeal with prejudice. This action was in addition to the motion to dismiss that the trial court previously granted in this case. Travelers Insurance considers this matter completed and will be closing their file in short order.
- Parke County Emergency Management Director, Chris O'Brien, requested the Board Presidents signature on a letter being submitted to Indiana Department of Homeland Security regarding the West Union and Mansfield Covered Bridge's. The letter is to notify the Director of Mitigation and Recovery Branch at the Indiana Department of Homeland Security that Parke County does not maintain insurance coverage for the above referenced covered bridges.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of the Union Hospital Agreement has been tabled, Nick Sauter will be contacting Union Hospital Corporate Counsel regarding the liability coverage.

VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Parke County Highway, Randy Norman:

- Only one bid was received for the Melcher Covered Bridge. The bid was from Collom Excavating, and was in the amount of \$316,800.00. Jim Meece made a motion to accept the bid as presented. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Contract is forthcoming to signed and they are waiting on the permit from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.
- Out of cycle check request for Barney Carroll in the amount of \$24,300 for painting and work on multiple covered bridges, Bridgeton Covered Bridge has not been completed. Jim Meece made a motion to approve payment for bridges where the work has been completed. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Chip and Seal has been completed and the paving for 900S began today.

Parke County Sheriff's Office, Jason Frazier:

- Jail Count total is 64: 55 County inmates, 6 Department of Corrections and 3 Out of County Holds.

- Jason Frazier is requesting that the overtime rate be adjusted from the current rate that only includes the base salary of the employee. Sheriff Frazier is requesting that longevity, stipends and American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds be included into the rate for calculating the overtime for his staff. Bruce Hartman weighed in on the matter, Nick Sauter will be researching to determine if longevity, stipends and ARP funds are bonuses or actual salary. It was asked if this passed would the overtime rates be retro to the beginning of 2023, or would the rate go into effect in 2024. Jim Meece stated that if the rate was changed it would be for 2024.

ADJOURNMENT: Having no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Dan Collom and seconded by Jim Meece. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Jim Meece, President

Dan R. Collom, 1st Vice President

Bruce A. Hartman, 2nd Vice President

ATTEST:

Mary Anne Wood, Auditor