

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**April 20th, 2015**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20th, 2015, having adjourned from a regular meeting on Monday, April 6th, 2015.
- II. ROLL CALL:** Members present were Commissioners Jim Meece, President; Dan R. Collom, First Vice President; Bruce Hartman, Second Vice President; Pam Adams, Auditor; Janie Hardman, 1st Deputy Auditor; and County Attorney John Asbury. Also present were Patti Smith, Penny Cox, Justin Cole, Pam Sanders, Larry Bemis, Randy Norman, Leo Rumschlag, Jim Barker, Jim Erickson, Kristina Alexander and Amy Hensley.
- III. MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on Monday, April 6th, 2015 were approved on a motion made by Dan Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The motion carried unanimously.
- IV. PAYROLL:** County payroll in the amount of \$154,742.87, was approved for release on Monday, April 20th, 2015 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 \$144,438.68. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The Board acknowledged receipt of the March Monthly Financial Report.
- V. NEW BUSINESS:**
- Jim Meece noted the ground level scaffolding and entrance coverings recently erected for the clock tower project. The south and east Courthouse entrances have been closed. Meece attended the pre-construction meeting with the subcontractors and mentioned the Board will eventually have to choose a paint color for the clock tower.
  - Bruce Hartman made a motion to enter into the American Institute of Architects Document A101-2007 agreement between Parke County, Bulley & Andrews, LLC and ARSEE Engineers, Inc. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
  - Bruce Hartman made a motion allowing Jameson Hibbs to move forward with the shelter project just off the main entrance at Rockville Lake. The shelter is being built entirely with donated funds. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
  - The spring 2015 Raccoon Tracts Newsletter from Union Township Property Owners Association was reviewed by the Board.
  - Bruce Hartman made a motion to allow the Parke County Ministerial Association use of the Courthouse lawn on May 7th, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. to observe the National Day of Prayer. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
  - The Treasurer's monthly report was presented for review.
  - Jim Meece will be meeting with Clark Dietz representative Kristina Alexander at the old railroad bridge crossing the Wabash River in Montezuma to discuss options for refurbishing the bridge into a walkable trail for pedestrians.
  - A meeting has been scheduled at the Montezuma Volunteer Fire Department on April 29th, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the old railroad bridge.
- VI. OLD BUSINESS:**
- John Asbury will contact County Extension Director Jim Luzar regarding the letter explaining the merger of the Building & Grounds with the Fairgrounds Board. Luzar showed Dan Collom a letter at the Plan Commission meeting on March 26th, 2015, but has not submitted the letter to be presented at a Commissioner meeting. The Exercise of Option-Fairgrounds Lease Extension has again been tabled until the next Commissioner meeting.
  - Randy Norman presented estimates in the amount of \$191,827.00 for hot mix paving and in the amount of \$119,010.00 for cold mix paving for County Road 700 W to prepare the road for the TDM Farms hog operation. If the road is paved with cold mix, an additional cost of \$5,433.00 for chip & seal will be incurred in 2016. Jim Erickson asked the Board and Norman if the road could be chipped and sealed instead of paved to reduce expenses. Bruce Hartman contacted Indiana Economic Development Corporation and learned there are not funds available to assist with the expense of preparing the road. TDM Farms may qualify for assistance on future projects from the United States Department of Agriculture. Norman, Erickson and Jim Meece will attend the next Fountain County Commissioner meeting to discuss the road work.

**VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**Parke County Sheriff, Justin Cole:**

- The Jail count for today was fifty-four; thirty-three County, five Department of Correction inmates, one away, one juvenile and fourteen out-of-county.
- Cole reported the new server should be installed this week.

**Parke County Highway, Randy Norman:**

- County Attorney John Asbury opened bridge inspection proposals from Clark-Dietz Engineers, USI Consultants, Beam, Longest and Neff and VS Engineering, Inc. with Rumschlag Technical Services, Inc. The Commissioners and Auditor Pam Adams will meet with Norman on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss the proposals.
- Presented a claim for bridge inspections in the amount of \$278.00.
- Presented the change order for Bridge #72 in the amount of \$7,917.07 the Commissioners had denied at the April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting. The County’s portion is \$1,583.41 and will be paid by Clark-Dietz Engineers. Jim Meece publicly thanked Kristina Alexander. Bruce Hartman made a motion accepting the change order. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Presented a change order for Bridge #248 in the amount of \$1,177.01. Bruce Hartman made a motion accepting the change order. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**VIII. PERSONS REQUESTING TIME ON THE AGENDA:**

**Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission, Penny Cox** appeared before the Commissioners with a request to designate a Wabash River Road. Dan Collom made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-04 which establishes a Wabash River Corridor Road in Parke County. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Rumschlag Technical Services Inc. (RTS), Leo Rumschlag** appeared before the Board to note the bridge inspection proposal submitted by VS Engineering Inc. & RTS, Inc. Rumschlag introduced Jim Barker who recently joined VS Engineering and noted the level of experience they both have with inspecting historical bridges.

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Emergency Management Director Amy Hensley approached the Board regarding the replacement of seven consolettes. Hensley has shipped the consolettes back to Sunny Communications in Colorado for programming. Dan Collom made a motion authorizing a half payment in the amount of \$12,612.50 once Hensley receives the consolettes and the final payment once the equipment has been installed and works properly. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**X. 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 5:46 p.m.

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Jim Meece, President

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Dan R. Collom, Vice President

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Bruce Hartman, Second Vice President

ATTEST:

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Pam Adams, Auditor