

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**September 16, 2019**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 16, 2019, having adjourned from a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2019.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Members present were Commissioners Jim Meece, President; Dan R. Collom, First Vice-President; Bruce Hartman, Second Vice President; Laura Fischer, Auditor; and County Attorney Nick Sauter. Also present were Kim Shorter, Larry Bemis, Pam Sanders, Don Pruner, Jason Frazier, Kathy Collom and Joyce Virostko.
- III. **MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting on September 3, 2019 and the executive session on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 were approved upon a motion made by Dan Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The motion carried unanimously.
- IV. **PAYROLL:** The County payroll in the amount of \$168,686.40 was approved for release on Monday, September 16, 2019 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 \$105,211.70; Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- V. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- The Board reviewed requests for checks to be processed outside of the normal claims cycle. Bruce Hartman made a motion to allow the Auditor to process checks, in the amount of \$17,971.00, payable to Emergency Mobile Tech and in the amount of \$5,500.00 payable to Barney Carroll. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
  - Courthouse Head Custodian, Don Pruner came before the board to discuss the repairs of cracks in the EOC building. The EOC building was erected in 1992. Pruner collected one bid on the repairs to give the Commissioners an idea of the costs. Pruner is unsure that sealing the cracks will work and has no money left in this year's budget to complete the repairs to the building. Pruner and the Commissioners decided to table the issue until spring 2020 and collect more bids for the work.
  - **Parke County Resolution 2019-21** Capital Improvement Plan was presented for the Commissioner's consideration. The Resolution amends Parke County Resolutions 2014-01; 2015-09; 2016-06 and 2019-02, a Capital Improvement Plan for the Expenditure of EDIT taxes. Bruce Hartman made a motion to approve and Dan Collom seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
  - Parke County Judge, Sam Swaim is requesting permission to apply for a \$750 grant related to the upcoming visit and reception of Chief Justice Steve David, to be held October 22, 2019. The Parke Community Foundation is the grantor. Dan Collom made a motion to approve the grant and Bruce Hartman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
  - Commissioner Meece approved and signed the 2018 ADA Transition Plan Annual Report.
  - A Waiver of Liability against Volunteer Worker, for Lee Creed was presented for approval. Creed appeared before the Commissioners at the September 3 meeting, as he maintains the land around and near the Big Rocky Fork Covered Bridge. Signing the waiver releases Parke County from liability in the event of an injury. County Attorney, Nick Sauter suggested

changing the date to September. Bruce Hartman made a motion to approve the waiver and Dan Collom seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- The Board reviewed a letter of retirement from David R. Kemper, a member of the PTABOA board. Parke County Assessor, Katie Potter will seek a replacement.
- Commissioner Meece signed all titles of the vehicles that sold in the Sheriff's public auction on September 7, 2019. The Sheriff's Department gave the Auditor's office a list of names and address of the auction buyer's. The Auditor's office will mail the titles to the new owners.
- The Board reviewed the August 2019 monthly financial report for the Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals.
- The Board reviewed the August 2019 monthly financial report for the Parke County Treasurer.
- The Board approved acceptance of the \$875.00 grant check to the Parke County Veteran's Administration for the purchase of a new computer. The grantor is the Parke County REMC Multi-Community Trust. Bruce Hartman made a motion to accept the grant. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- The Board discussed eliminating the time clock used by the custodial staff at the courthouse and asking the custodial employees to present a voucher to payroll, as do all other county employees. Jim Meece made the motion to eliminate the time clock. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **VI. OLD BUSINESS:**

- A replacement trustee for Penn Township has been recommended by the advisory board. Jim Meece made a motion to appoint Susan Freed, as trustee for Penn Township. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- County Attorney, Sauter reports no movement on the Judson property and will be tabled.
- The Board reviewed the Mobile x-ray contract, through the Wellness Clinic. The employee can have mobile x-ray done at Wellness Clinic located at Brazil, Crawfordsville, Covington, Greencastle, Montezuma, or Spencer. The employee will be able to take the x-ray with them if the employee is then sent to an emergency room or if a specialist as needed. The contract was previously approved by the Board and is now signed by Commissioner Meece. The Board asked the Auditor to obtain clarification on the listed clinic's to be in writing, and then release the contract.

#### **VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

##### **Parke County Sheriff's Department, Jason Frazier:**

- The Sheriff's Department collected a total of \$10,976.00 from the public auction.
- The new cars are in and ordered two more cars for next year.
- National Night Out on September 10, 2019 went well.

**Parke County EMS, Julie Lanzone (absent)**

**Parke County Highway Department, Randy Norman (absent)**

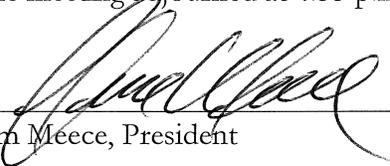
**Parke County EMA/E911/Amy Hensley (absent)**

#### **VIII. PERSONS REQUESTING TIME ON THE AGENDA: None**

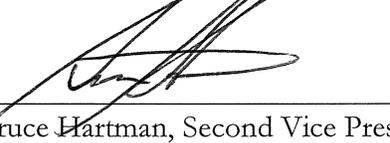
**IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Joyce Virostko appeared before the Board to discuss cutting back the overgrowth on County Road 325 & WAXI Road. The School Bus meeting traffic in that area has limited visibility, due to low hanging limbs. Commissioners assured Ms. Virostko that the Highway Department will be there as quickly as possible.
  
- Larry Bemis asked about West Street in Bloomingdale, as a resident called the Rockville Sentinel. The caller indicated it was chip sealed, even though the County appropriated money to pave West Street. Commissioner Meece corrected that information; stating that although the County did not get the Community Crossing Grant this year, the County paved West Street from Highway Department funds.

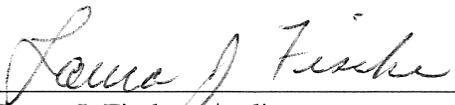
**X. ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Dan Collom. The meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

  
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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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Laura J. Fischer, Auditor