

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**October 21, 2019**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 21, 2019, having adjourned from a regular meeting on Monday, October 7, 2019.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Members present were Commissioners Jim Meece, President; Dan R. Collom, Vice President; Bruce Hartman, Second Vice President; Laura J. Fischer, Auditor; Rhonda Montgomery, 1st Deputy Auditor and County Attorney Nick Sauter. Also present were Heather Emery, Ron Maines, Liddy Wright-Dowd, Joshua Bougie, Nora Crowder, Cyndi Todd, Joe Clark, Ryan Keller, Justin Cole, Amy Hensley, Randy Norman and Larry Bemis.
- III. **MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting on October 7, 2019 were approved upon a motion made by Bruce Hartman and seconded by Dan Collom. The motion was carried unanimously.
- IV. **PAYROLL:** The County payroll in the amount of \$164,224.74 was approved for release on Monday, October 14, 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 \$122,892.63; Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- V. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- The Board reviewed requests for hand-typed checks to be processed to Catlin Trucking in the amount of \$15,000.00 and two (2) checks from the Parke County Redevelopment Commission in the amount of \$25 (Recorder) and \$10 (Auditor), for the transfer of the Lee Alan Bryant property to the Parke County Redevelopment Commission. The hand-typed checks for the Parke County Health Department Covered Bridge Festival inspectors needed approved addendums to the contracts. Jim Meece made a motion to accept the change to the contracts and authorized all of the checks to be processed outside of the regular claims cycle, as presented. Dan Collom seconded the motion and the motion carried. Dan Collom made a motion to authorize Jim Meece to sign the Health Department contract addendums on behalf of the Board, once completed. Bruce Hartman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
  - Ryan Keller of West Central Indiana Economic Development District (WCIEDD) introduced himself to the Board. Keller discussed his outreach plan for the communities of Parke County.
  - Joshua Bougie, of the United States Census Bureau introduced himself to the Board and discussed the need for a committee of community leaders to assist with promoting the importance of the 2020 census. State and Federal Government agencies rely heavily on census information when considering grant assistance for Parke County. Ryan Keller of WCIEDD volunteered to assist with the effort. The Board will appoint a committee.
  - The Board reviewed a lawsuit settlement letter in the case of, Jamie Plant et al vs. CSX Transportation, Inc., et al (wrongful death). The county's insurance company, Wilkinson, Goeller, Modesitt, Wilkinson & Drummy, LLP.; although persistent that the county was not at fault, negotiated a settlement of 10% of the worst case outcome, if the case went to a jury to decide.

- The Board reviewed merger documentation for Wellness for Life & Joint Venture Partner. The professional service agreement by and between Wellness for Life Medical, LLC., and Parke County Government, will change to the new name of Proactive MD. Bruce Hartman made a motion to approve the agreement under the new name. Dan Collom seconded and the motion carried.
- Ron Maines, APEX benefits presented the recommended 2020 County employee health insurance renewal rate. APEX Benefits negotiated with UMR for the United Health Care (UHC) Choice Plus policy and received a 2020 premium renewal rate of a three point two percent (3.2%) increase over the 2019 amount. Maines recommended 86%-14% split for the employee-employer ratio on the medical benefits; keeping the stop-loss with Krum & Forster; moving from Anthem to Delta Dental; moving from Anthem to VSP for Vision coverage and adding a step therapy system under the pharmacy program. Bruce Hartman made a motion to accept the recommendations, as presented. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- The Board reviewed the September 2019 Treasurer's report.
- Laura J. Fischer, Parke County Auditor reported to the commissioners of receiving a call from a woman who fell in Bridgeton during the 2019 Covered Bridge Festival. An ambulance was called, but Malia Pelfcunk refused transport. In her phone call to the Auditor's office, she claimed that she has a hairline fracture. The Auditor referred Ms. Pelfcunk to Traveler's Insurance.
- The Board reviewed a flyer regarding the informal reception to be held at the Rockville American Legion for Chief Justice Steve David, on Monday, October 21, 2019 at 4:00p.m.
- The Board reviewed **Resolution 2019-22** for approval of the abatement of outstanding taxes on the real property known as 289 North Alan Drive (Lee Alan Bryant). Bruce Hartman made a motion to approve the tax abatement and transfer the property to the Parke County Redevelopment Commission. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Todd also presented the Site Access Agreement giving the Indiana Brownsfield Program (Environmental Consultants) permission to enter the property and perform an investigation of the environmental clean-up needs. Bruce Hartman made a motion to accept the agreement and Dan Collom seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS:** None

**VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**Parke County EMS/Ambulance Service, Julie Lanzone: Absent**

**Parke County Sheriff, Justin Cole:**

- Sheriff Cole reported that he would like to use the 2009-2010 Drug Seizure Federal Funds (approximately \$28,000.00) on two (2) of the sheriff vehicles as opposed to the pole barn, as the rules have changed on how he can spend that money.
- Reported there were twenty (20) arrests at the Covered Bridge Festival this year with one hit and run in Bridgeton and purse stolen in Mansfield.
- The Parke County Sheriff is currently housing 69 inmates with sixteen from the Department of Corrections or other counties.
- The Sheriff's Department hired a Dispatcher, today, Monday, October 21 and still short one (1) Deputy and one (1) Jail Officer.

**Parke County Highway Department, Randy Norman:**

- The previously approved VS Engineering, Inc. (LPA) Consultant Contract for Parke County Bridge Inspections for the years 2020-2023 was presented to the Board for signatures. Inspections will begin April 1, 2020 at a total cost of the contract in the amount of \$375,698.21. INDOT approved on October 8, 2019.
- Norman reported that after reapplying for the Community Crossing Grant this year, the Town of Rosedale was awarded \$772,455.72.

**Parke County Emergency Management/ Statewide 911, Amy Hensley:**

- Hensley reported on the status of grant applications. The \$22,000 for the Emergency Services Vehicle was approved, as well as the \$87,000 for the servers/firewall upgrade (Access control and ID verification) for the Parke County Sheriffs', Parke County 911 and EMS and the County's ID badge system. The Statewide 911 salary grant payment is due this week.
- Hensley submitted her resignation effective November 15. The Commissioners wish the minutes of this meeting to reflect how much they appreciated Hensley's dedication to the Emergency Management and Statewide 911 programs. She will be missed. Jim Meece made a motion to accept Hensley's resignation. Dan Collom seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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

IX. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

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 5:49p.m.

*ABSENT*

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Jim Meece, President

*Dan R. Collom*

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Dan R. Collom, Vice President

*Bruce Hartman*

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Bruce Hartman, Second Vice President

ATTEST:

*Laura J. Fischer*

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Laura J. Fischer, Auditor