

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
December 16, 2019

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00p.m. on Monday, December 16, 2019, having adjourned from a special meeting on Monday, December 9, 2019.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Members present were Commissioners Jim Meece, President; Dan R. Collom, First Vice President; Bruce Hartman, Second Vice President; Laura J. Fischer, Auditor; Rhonda Montgomery, 1st Deputy Auditor; and County Attorney Nick Sauter. Also present were Larry Bemis, Pam Sanders, Kathy Collom, Jason Frazier and Janie Rennick.
- III. **MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meetings held on Monday, November 18, 2019 and December 2, 2019 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 \$178,814.66 was approved for release on Monday, December 9, 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 \$119,619.33. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- V. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- Dan Collom made a motion to approve the hand-typed checks 1.) Branson Insurance in the amount of \$120,280.00 for the policy renewal; 2.) Leanna Weissmann in the amount of \$1,395.00 for services as court appointed counsel; 3.) Whitesville Mill in the amount of \$80,000.01 for Duraberm and 4.) Stacy Uliana in the amount of \$5,053.50 for services as Supreme Court counsel. Dan Collom made a motion to pay the hand-typed checks as presented. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - The Board reviewed a Letter of Interest from Hanner Law Office representing Joshua Mager who wishes to purchase vacant lots in Diamond, Indiana. Following a series of tax sales, the property came under County ownership in 1949. Attorney Sauter reports that the County must determine the value of the property, ensure it falls within the thresholds and post the property for bid. The Commissioners could waive any delinquent taxes. The Board directed Sauter to send out the necessary notices to the adjacent land owners.
 - The Board reviewed a letter from the Town of Rockville that was tabled from the December 2 meeting, requesting the County to assign the tax sale certificates to the Town on three (3) properties. The properties of interest are located at 215 Howard Avenue, 406 South Barton Street and 901 East High Street. Bruce Hartman made a motion asking Attorney Sauter to draft a resolution authorizing the transfer of the properties to the Town of Rockville and giving President Jim Meece authorization to sign the transfers. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Bruce Hartman made a motion to waive any delinquent taxes. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Sauter will send the draft resolution to the Auditor's office tomorrow.
 - The Board reviewed a letter of resignation from Sarah Ginter, Parke County CASA Director. Honorable Judge Swaim will select a replacement for Ginter.
 - The Board reviewed a claim from Traveler's Insurance, regarding the accident on November 9, 2019, whereas Ambulance driver, Jerry Cox struck a deer.

- Attorney Sauter drafted an ordinance to prohibit parking on High Bridge Road on the bridge crossing Sugar Creek on or within 100 feet in either direction of the bridge. The ordinance includes a Class C Infraction and fine of \$500.00 for each violation. The ordinance must be published after all Commissioners sign the ordinance.
- The Board reviewed the November report of the Parke County Planning & Zoning Board. The Board will replace a non-participating member of this board, as well as other County Board vacancies. Commissioners asked the Sheriff's Department to check into a complaint received regarding the trash removal from festival on the York property in Mansfield.
- The Board reviewed the October report from Parke County Treasurer Kim Shorter.
- Parke County Auditor, Laura Fischer requested changes to the TML license application for 2020. Attorney Sauter reports that Deputy Auditor Rusty Ratcliff has been assisting him in review of the Indiana Code that covers the Handmade Exemption. Sauter will review the code and develop language to define the handmade exemption that is not in violation of Indiana Code.
- The Board reviewed a letter from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources regarding a hearing on the inclusion of the Guthrie House on the National Registry of Historic Places. The house is owned by William B. and Laura Guthrie and located at 7459 North U.S. Highway 41, Bloomingdale.
- The Board reviewed a grant request from Parke County Probation Department, Jason McHargue in the amount of \$1,080.00. The application is for a state grant for the Drug Court Incentive (Fund#9107) program in 2020. Jim Meece made a motion to approve the grant request. Dan Collom seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

- Commissioner Meece reported on the special transportation meeting held Monday, December 9, 2019, indicating the county will stockpile Duraberm.
- Meece made the Board aware that Don Pruner reported a broken tie-rod on the tractor and had to bring a contractor in for snow removal at the courthouse on Monday morning (December 16).
- Jim Meece made a motion to reappoint Penny Cox to the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission, as the member to represent Parke County. Dan Collom seconded the motion it carried unanimously.

VII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Parke County Sheriff, Justin Cole:

- Jason Frazier appeared for Sheriff Cole and no written report was given.
- Commissioner Meece asked if he sees a truck violating the Truck Route ordinance how can he report the incident, with consequences for the violator? Deputy Frazier responded that a picture taken of the truck and the license plate will suffice to compel an infraction/citation.
- Commissioner Collom reported two (2) different instances where a semi was obstructing traffic on Bridgeton Road. One driver flagged traffic upon his request; the second was sleeping in his vehicle. Collom requested a patrol keep an eye on the situation.

Parke County Highway, Janie Rennick for Randy Norman:

- Janie Rennick appeared for Randy Norman and no report was given.

Parke County EMA/E911, Chris O'Brien:

- No report from EMA/E911 Director.
- Commissioner Meece commented on the snow advisory system with regards to road conditions and notification of warning or watch status. Meece indicates that he wishes to be notified last, following the sheriff and emergency services.

VIII. PERSONS REQUESTING TIME ON THE AGENDA: None.

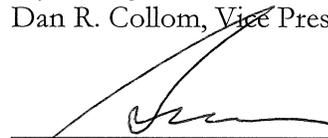
IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

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 4:40p.m.

Jim Meece, President

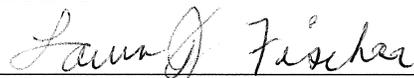


Dan R. Collom, Vice President



Bruce Hartman, Second Vice President

ATTEST:



Laura J. Fischer, Auditor