

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 1st, 2020

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 1st, 2020, having adjourned from a regular meeting on Monday, May 18, 2020
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Members present were Commissioner Jim Meece, President; Dan R. Collom, First Vice President; Bruce Hartman, Second Vice President; Laura Fischer, Auditor; Tammy Thomas, 1st Deputy Auditor and County Attorney Nick Sauter. Also present were Larry Bemis, Kathy Collom, Chris O'Brien, John Martin, Chris Newcomb, Justin Cole and Randy Norman.
- III. **MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting held on Monday, March 16th, 2020 and Monday May 18th, 2020 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 \$171,273.93 was approved for release on Monday, June 1st, 2020 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 \$135,449.06. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- V. **CLAIMS:** After reviewing the Claims Docket, claims in the amount of \$226,641.51 were approved for release on June 1st, 2020 on a motion made by Dan Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The motion carried unanimously.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - There were no hand typed checks brought before the board.
 - The Treasurer's Office presented a service agreement with L & D Mail Masters, Inc. of New Albany, Indiana for the printing and mailing of tax forms for 2020. Bruce Hartman made the motion to accept the agreement with L & D Mail Masters, Inc. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
 - Chris Newcomb of Parks and Recreation came before the board to request the title for an old trailer that had been abandoned at the park. The auditor's office furnished the title for a 1976 1 axle with a VIN number of MVIN106085INC that was purchased in 1993. The trailer is unusable and Chris requested that it be sold for scrap. Dan Collom made a motion for the trailer to be sold as scrap. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Jim Meece signed the title on behalf of the commissioners.
 - The board reviewed two letters sent to them by Marc Stucker. The first letter received on May 22, 2020 was informing the board of the poor condition of CR 250N and his concern that his road is no longer safe. The second letter was received on June 1, 2020 after the highway department had put duraberm down on that road, and Mr. Stucker was very grateful and appreciative of the work by the highway department.
 - INDOT provided the commissioners with notice of bridge deck replacement over the Rock Run Creek on US 41, three miles south of US 36.
 - The Board acknowledged the receipt of the Congressional School Fund report totaling \$37,045.21 as presented by the Auditor.

- The board reviewed the Plan Commission Report and board of zoning appeals report for the months of March and April. Nick Sauter stated he had two pending cases of nuisance properties and two resolved cases of nuisance properties.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- The Employee Comp Time assessment was tabled.

VIII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Parke County Highway Department, Randy Norman:

- Presented bridge inspection claim from VS Engineering for \$60,088.56. State pays 80% of the total amount. Bruce Hartman made a motion that the out of cycle check be paid. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Parke County E911, Chris O'Brien:

- Chris O'Brien reported to the board on the COVID-19 cares act. He recommended that the top three buying concerns be to keep first responders supplied with protection equipment, the purchase of items needed to re-open the government, and the continuity of ordering supplies to keep the county government going if and when there is a second wave.
- Jim Meece made the suggestion to create a working group to review the reimbursable invoices. He recommended Julie Lanzone, Liddy Wright, Chris O'Brien, Justin Cole, Cyndi Todd, and himself. Dan Collom made the motion to create this working group and it was seconded by Bruce Hartman. The motion passed unanimously.
- Attorneys Barnes & Thornburg recommended that Parke County join a consortium of other counties with attorneys to review the application for reimbursable invoices to make sure the application is worded correctly to ensure the reimbursement will go through. This comes at a cost of \$5,000 total. This cost could possibly be reimbursed as well since it is related to the COVID. Bruce Hartman made the motion to join the consortium and Dan Collom seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Chris O'Brien presented a FEMA public assistance program grant reimburses 25% of COVID supplies. Bruce Hartman made the motion that Chris seek approval of the FEMA grant and Dan Collom seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jim Meece:

- Election night, June 2, since the courthouse is closed to the public, the only people allowed in will be the candidates, their immediate family, the election workers, the media and the presidents of both parties. A Security Guard will also be present. These people will be allowed from 5 pm to closing. All non-employees will be required to wear a mask. Jim Meece made the motion to accept this decision. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

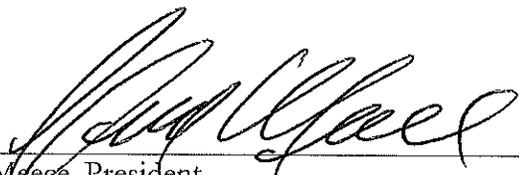
Parke County Sheriff, Justin Cole:

- The employees and inmates are COVID free as of this date. 51 inmates in the jail. There is still room to separate the inmates if needed.
- Fountain county jail transitioning into new jail. Next week we will begin transferring their inmates to their new jail.
- Report of collections for \$33,066.57 for May.
- 4,400 meals served.
- Uptick in arrests.
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- Jail count for today was sixty-three; forty-four County, fifteen Department of Correction and four out-of-county.
- Presented the Department of Corrections (DOC) Report, Uniform Crime Report and Report of Collections for April 2017.
- Cole informed the Board he has approached the Council about funding meals for extra money so the County can house up to thirty (30) DOC inmates.
- Reported meth lab activity has decreased in Parke County.
- Cole is looking into building a storage shed for equipment with monies from the Federal Forfeiture fund.

IX. PERSONS REQUESTING TIME ON THE AGENDA: None

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

XI. 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 4:50 p.m.



 Jim Meece, President

ABSENT

 Dan R. Collom, 1st Vice President



 Bruce Hartman, 2nd Vice President

ATTEST:



 Laura Fischer,
 Parke County Auditor