

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 3rd, 2020

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Parke County Board of Commissioners convened in a regular meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 3rd, 2020, having adjourned from a regular meeting on Monday, July 20th, 2020.
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Members present were Commissioners President Jim Meece; Dan R. Collom, First Vice-President; Bruce Hartman, Second Vice President; Laura Fischer, Auditor; Tammy Thomas, 3rd Deputy Auditor and County Attorney Nick Sauter. Also present were Jon Ford, West Central Economic Development; Chester Crague, Kathy Collom, Larry Bemis, Chris Newcomb, Jason Frazier, Jason Nejman, Aaron Reid.
- III. **MINUTES:** Minutes for the regular meeting July 20th, 2020 were approved upon a motion made by Bruce Hartman and seconded by Jim Meece. The motion was carried unanimously.
- IV. **PAYROLL:** County payroll in the amount of \$174,546.91 was approved, with corrections made, for release on Monday, August 3rd, 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 Accounts Payable Report in the amount of \$161,650.82. Bruce Hartman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- V. **CLAIMS:** After reviewing the Claims Docket, claims in the amount of \$309,749.53 were approved for release on August 3rd, 2020 on a motion made by Bruce Hartman and seconded by Dan Collom. The motion carried unanimously.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - Requests for one invoice to be paid outside of the regular claims cycle to SRI for \$4,500 was reviewed by the Board. Bruce Hartman made a motion to approve the invoice from SRI for \$4,500 to be processed outside of the normal claims cycle. Dan R. Collom seconded the motion and the motion carried.
  - Jason Nejman and Aaron Reid presented information from Toshiba. The Toshiba company has won the contract with the state for printer/copier contracts by competitive bid. Toshiba will take over the contracts beginning in September; however, the current contracts will be honored with Ricoh until they expire. Mr. Nejman has requested the board to allow Toshiba to make an in-house assessment for all the equipment and cost of operation. Bruce Hartman made the motion to allow Toshiba to make an appointment with the Auditor for an in-house assessment. Dan Collom seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
  - Park Superintendent Chris Newcomb came before the board requesting purchase of a 2021 Colorado for \$29,329.25. Chris brought in the bill of sale for the commissioners to sign.
  - The board reviewed a letter from The State of Indiana DOC regarding annual reimbursement of county misdemeanor and felony 6 for \$10,793.83.
  - The board reviewed a claim from Traveler's Insurance regarding an accident at Rockville Lake. The claimant was denied.
  - The board reviewed another claim regarding a window hit by a rock by a mowing crew on Bridgeton Road.
  - The board reviewed a letter from the Secretary of the Interior in Washington D.C. regarding moving statues with all the violence, rioting, and tearing down of statues. The Secretary of the

comp time payment for Rhonda Montgomery due to her documents were not signed by her supervisor. The motion was seconded by Bruce Hartman and it passed unanimously.

- Mr. Meece stated that he would like the newspapers and social media outlets to get the message out that there will not be an open forum or debate at the August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting regarding the Bridge Festival. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, there is limited seating in the EOC meeting room, and it is full at each meeting. There will, however, be live streaming by Parkewithoutreverse.org for that entire meeting. If there happens to be interference or an issue with internet service, the meeting will be posted in its entirety on that site at a later time. This will satisfy the requirements of the open-door policy for the meetings. Mr. Meece commended the other two commissioners for their unanimous decision to push back the vote for the Bridge Festival to the 17<sup>th</sup> with the governor's push back of back on track plan.

#### **VIII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

##### **Parke County EMA, Chris O'Brien:**

- The first wave of CARES reimbursement amounts to around \$30,000. These invoices cover mostly PPE, remote working equipment, and medical tele-med equipment. Chris is requesting approval from the commissioners to present these invoices for reimbursement. Bruce Hartman made the motion to allow Chris to present these claims for reimbursement. The motion was seconded by Dan Collom and it passed unanimously.

##### **Parke County Sheriff, Justin Cole:**

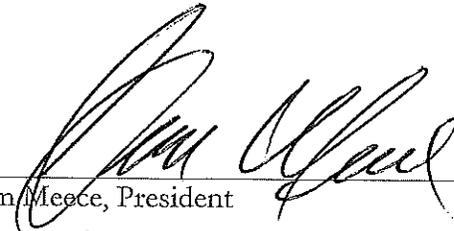
- Chief Deputy Jason Frazier is filling in today for Sheriff Justin Cole. 45 inmates are currently housed at the Parke County Jail, 40 are county and 5 are DOC. There are currently no positive cases of COVID at the jail with the inmates or employees. The jail billed \$ 14,100.50 in July for DOC in other counties.
- Mr. Meece expressed his and the other commissioner's gratitude for the support given to Deputy Chris McCann who had a mysterious medical issue. He also expressed his appreciation for the coverage of the county by the State Police and Vermillion County Sheriff's Department when the county officers were at the hospital with Deputy McCann.

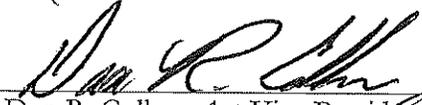
#### **IX. PERSONS REQUESTING TIME ON THE AGENDA: None.**

#### **X. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Chester Crague asked the commissioners when the stop signs were going to be put up in Bridgeton and the speed sign in Diamond. Bruce Hartman commented that Randy Norman of the Highway Dept was supposed to be checking on this. He is not present at this meeting. Mr. Crague also voiced his opinion about smokers at the courthouse not being 8 feet from the doorway.

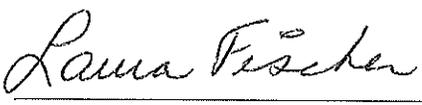
#### **XI. ADJOURNMENT:** Having no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Dan Collom and seconded by Bruce Hartman. The meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

  
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Jim Meece, President

  
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Dan R. Collom, 1st Vice President

  
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Bruce Hartman, 2nd Vice President

ATTEST:

  
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Laura Fischer,  
Parke County Auditor