

August 30, 1999

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order in the courthouse with all members attending. Minutes of the 8/23 meeting were approved with the correction that crews will be wedging on Old Rd. 24 E (Hill St. extended) rather than grinding, and work hasn't started yet. Les Templin moved approval as amended, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the Jail/Memorial Hall custodian hours. The Auditor reports, Treasurer, Ann Gillespie, has tested the reconstruction ditch software, and the rollover was successful. Les moved to commence monthly lease payments with the August 1999 bill payable in September, second by Darle, and passed. After review by their attorney, Darle moved to accept the financial advisor agreement with Municipal Consultants for the justice building project, second by Les, and passed. The cost is not to exceed \$11,000. as per the contract. Les moved approval to sign a grant request for \$6,000. presented by Pat Lynn, that would be administered thru the Local Planning Council, second by Darle, and passed. It's thru the Governor's Council on Impaired & Dangerous Driving, and would establish a safe community coalition. The monies, including a local match, would be channeled thru the county. Commissioners told Emergency Management director, Paul Bergman, to apply for a grant to install wireless communications, as long as there is no cost to the county. We would be a test county for the project. Darle moved to support a request from the Probation Dept. for an additional appropriation of \$11,788. from their Adult User Fee funds for year 2000 compliant imaging equipment (4,500.), and \$7,288. for a computer maintenance agreement. Second by Les, and approved.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: 143.2 miles of chip & seal and 2.9 miles of double chip & seal are completed. Crews are mowing north of St. Rd. 16 and west of St. Rd. 13. Larry says the state has notified the county about all road closures for the new U.S. 24 E roadwork, except for CR 400E, ahead of time. He thinks CR 300E should have stone on it by the end of this week, and 400 is passable. Commissioners, who have received complaints, are concerned about safety and emergency vehicle access. Larry will talk with INDOT representatives about the issue. Les heard from Jim Moore on CR 800 S, who said he'll just finish drainage work on his property for now, as his neighbors aren't interested in participating in a culvert project. Larry said a SPRINT request to bury cable for 1,780 ft. from CR 200 E, east on CR 700 N, looks okay, so Commissioners signed. Larry is getting estimates for an aluminum structure replacement of a concrete box culvert on CR 700 W at CR 400 N. He estimates the contract job will take about two days, and needs done soon, as it has to be patched often. Larry will ask the Council for funds Allen Co. is doing underseal work this week, and Larry invited Commissioners to join him to observe the process, before Larry decides to try it here.

Bond Flex, Laketon: Representing attorney, Don Metz, is seeking a special exception to allow the company to place a liquid nitrogen tank on a prepared platform that encroaches the Wayne St. right-of-way. Other options aren't feasible because the nitrogen would have to travel too far to its destination. The tank would be loaded from Wayne St. and takes about 20 minutes. Plant manager, Dick Weaver, says about 65 people are employed, and it's not cost effective to send the small parts elsewhere for the nitrogen cleaning process. The company doesn't want to close this factory, and in fact are considering building a new facility within the next 3 years. Weaver has talked with neighbor, Bob Rager, and the fire chief, to ease their minds about the use of liquid nitrogen. With saving jobs in mind, Darle moved to approve a revised agreement that would grant a two year variance to allow the tank to be placed on the encroaching platform. Bond Flex is to erect posts or a guardrail as a protective barrier, and the tank is to be removed and the platform below grade, once they're no longer in use. Second by Les, the variance passed. Metz will get a revised agreement to Tom Mattern for him to review, before Commissioner's sign. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian Hauptert, Chairman

Darle Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor