

October 4, 1999

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order with all members present. Minutes of the 9/27 meeting were approved after the correction that Brian seconded the motion for the Plan Commission Board trustee appointment, and Darle voted nay. Les moved to approve as corrected, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket, The Payroll Check Register and the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. They reviewed the Monthly Financial Report for September. The Commissioners authorized longevity pay for the first pay in December, as per the personnel manual, and approved the 2000 holiday schedule, as per I.C. 1-1-9-1. Holidays include: 1/17, 2/21, 4/21, 5/2 & 29, 7/4, 9/4, 10/9, 11/7,10,23 & 24, 12/25 & 26. Commissioners reviewed and signed the quarterly compliance report for Emergency Management, prepared by director, Paul Bergman. Les moved to establish an Emergency Management donation account, second by Darle, and passed. The account will be monitored by the Auditor's office. Paul reported the local group will receive two state awards for their efforts in (1) public outreach and (2) disaster and emergency drills. Paul thanked Commissioners for supporting his 2000 budget, which Council passed as requested. He's sending estimate requests to all county auto dealers for a vehicle lease for 2000.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Commissioners signed the 2000 highway supply bid specifications. Larry reports, Hank's Construction estimates their bill for Paw Paw Township bridge # 21 would be \$9,000. That includes removal of the existing structure, construction and erection of the new structure and ditch work. The county would supply all the materials, and haul off the refuse. The main difference in estimates Larry has received for underseal work on CR 175 E, south of Pony Creek Rd., is that Phend & Brown suggest milling out more material than Gaunt & Son propose, so their overall cost is slightly higher, even though Gaunt's individual figures are higher. Larry will do more research before a decision is made. Larry gave GTE approval to bury cable for a new phone line at the highway garage.

Butler, Fairman & Seufert: John Speidel, Jr. asked Commissioner approval of letters (1) appointing the engineering firm of Butler, Fairman & Seufert to oversee the Construction Inspection of Carroll Street bridge 509 and (2) designating Tobias G. Steffan of BF & S as the full time Resident Project Representative. Speidel also had a letter for the In Dept. of Transportation (INDOT), noting final plans have been submitted for approval, and requesting a correction of the construction fund amounts. Amounts should be on record as \$1,900,000. in federal funds, and \$475,000. from local funds for the bridge project. Darle moved to designate BF & S for construction inspection of the bridge 509 project, second by Les, and passed. Commissioner Hauptert signed all three letters. BF & S sets their inspection cost at 15% of the construction cost. INDOT has been asked to approve the bids in time for a bid letting in December. Commissioners looked at a Texas Rail and a tubular and concrete railing for the pedestrian area on the new bridge, and their consensus is to use the Texas Rail for this project. Speidel discussed progress on right-of-way (R/W) acquisition for the Old St. Rd. 15 S project. Brian wants John to look into an "apparent R/W " law he thinks the state has already used. Speidel discussed replacing concrete drives with concrete, (which is more expensive than asphalt), and replacing gravel drives with asphalt. Both are done within the R/W only. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle Dawes

Lester D. Templin

Attest: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor