

November 1, 1999

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the courthouse with all members present. Minutes of both the 10/18 and 10/25 meetings were approved as written, moved by Les Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and approved the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket, the Payroll Check Register and the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. They reviewed the Monthly Financial Report for October. Commissioners directed the Auditor to send two estimates for repairs to the Regina Cisneros 1999 Pontiac Montana to our insurance vendor, Beauchamp & McSpadden. The car had minor damage on Oct. 13th, when the "baby shot" parking sign outside the Memorial Hall building, was blown against it by the wind. Commissioners re-appointed Dr. Steven Fassino to the Board of Health, moved by Les, second by Darle, and passed. The 4 year term runs 1/1/2000 thru 12/31/2003. Commissioners reviewed a letter from the IN Dept. of Transportation (INDOT) requesting comments concerning any possible environmental effects associated with the pending road project on CR 950 S from St. Rd. 13 to Mississinewa Rd, and CR 300 W from CR 950 S to the Pearson Mill State Recreational Area entrance. They'll have Larry Rice review it. Learned the Auditor assured Bruno Canzian with INDOT, that the county has sufficient funds allotted to cover their 20% share of the Carroll St. bridge project. Mr. Canzian called on 10/28. Commissioners told Mike Holley, with Census 2000, they will seek members, and a chairman, for a Complete Count Committee, whose duty is to emphasize the importance of getting everyone counted. Holly says every person missed costs the county \$3,600. in lost federal funds. Holley also noted all other municipalities in the county, have signed a proclamation of support and compliance for Census 2000.

Tom Mattern, Commissioner Attorney, reported on his review of the apparent right-of-way (R/W) information, provided by Charlie Alvey of Bernardin, Lochmueller & Associates. Tom thinks there are unanswered concerns about side ditches and berming in the information. Since Commissioners have learned the state no longer uses R/W grants for their projects, they asked Mr. Mattern to talk with the judge about commencing condemnation proceedings on properties along the Old St. Rd. 15 S project. Tom will ask the judge to combine several parcels in the lawsuit, to cut costs on the \$100. per lawsuit filing fee. Ultimately, Commissioners will have to decide whether to proceed with the federally funded project or downgrade to chip & seal repairs.

Deb Schneider, director of the Council on Aging (COA), told Commissioners the 5311 transportation grant for 2000 in the amount of \$57,500. (up from \$31,835. in 1999), has been approved. The state wants a "pass through" agreement between the county, as the applicant, and the COA, as the service provider. Commissioners signed the one year agreement, which funnels grant funds thru county bookkeeping records. Deb also noted the certificate of ownership needs completed on the new van that is part of this public transportation project. She recommends it be titled to the Commissioners, with the COA as the warranty, for servicing and maintenance. Commissioners agreed, as long as liability is covered by the COA. Deb says they have that now, and she is looking into adding umbrella coverage for extra protection. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor