

August 26, 2002

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 8/19 meeting were approved as written, moved by Darle Dawes, second by Brian, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. They reviewed the Weights and Measures monthly report and the Clerk's July report. They learned the County General fund balance will be at \$200,000. after claims are paid September 3rd. They reviewed a notice from State Treasurer, Tim Berry, introducing the Advance Funding Program thru the Indiana Bond Bank. It offers cash flow financing for operating expenses at 1.89 % in 2002. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, reported he responded to a State Board of Accounts request for pending litigation information as part of their annual audit. Co. Clerk, Lori Draper, told Commissioners she will work this fall to consolidate her material located in the courthouse, and get it into one storage room that will be kept locked. She also asked Commissioners to keep the microvote storage room locked. Lori asked Commissioner approval to attend conferences in September and December. Commissioners asked her to limit the number of people attending. Commissioners appreciated her offer for her husband to hang a cabinet in her office at no charge. Lori says Microvote will train her on the machines for up to 1 1/2 days at no charge, in her office. She will buy a needed microfilm reader from her Clerk's perpetuation fund, since Co. General funds are so tight. Lori asked if one parking space could be reserved for her department, as staff leave daily on work related errands. Commissioners will explore options. Commissioners set Saturday, October 5, 2002 from 9:00 to 11:00 A.M. as the tentative date for a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house for the Judicial Center.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: 81 miles of chip and seal are completed, but Larry just learned that, effective today, materials' prices went up \$.03 per gallon. Commissioners set September 9, 2002 at 11:00 A.M. as the quote deadline for painting the Roann covered bridge. Larry says there's and IN Dept. of Transportation (INDOT) meeting on Sept. 10th covering 2003 - 2005 transportation improvements at the North Manchester Scout Hall, with meetings at 2:30 and 5:30 P.M. Larry says the ASCS people are repairing a waterway near the Tim Ranck property, and the current culvert, installed in 1995 isn't big enough to accommodate additional water. Larry says a new structure is needed and will have to be ordered. Also, a road cut will be required. Larry will ask ASCS to work with the county on coordinating projects like this, in an effort to facilitate progress. Larry says ASCS hasn't started work on the Klare property waterway.

Chad Dilling, Plan Commissioner: The Plan Commission Board wishes to progress with implementing a fee schedule for building permits. Board attorney, Larry Thrush will have ordinance amendments for the Sept. 5th meeting. Chad polled surrounding counties, all of which charge for permits. Agricultural buildings, formerly exempt from permit requirements, will now be charged, a plan opposed by both Chad and Darle. Chad hasn't charged required permits for driveways, walkways and fences, and doesn't think he should charge now. Other charges are in effect, now, and will remain so, but the charge for plats of new subdivisions isn't yet set. A tentative fee schedule is \$.05 per square foot of ground floor space, with a maximum limit of \$250.00. Based on prior year permit numbers, income generated could amount to about \$12,000. a year, and the Planning Board hopes the Co. Council will allow additional funds for operating the office, since it's generating income. Presently no funds are available for destruction of unsafe buildings or legal litigation. With Commissioner support the Plan Board will tentatively hold a public hearing at their October meeting. Les asked if charging fees means inspections will be started. Chad says he's not an inspector, but he does keep a record of dimensions when permits are granted. Brian says Chad will have records and contractors would be responsible for fulfilling the requirements. Commissioners told Chad to proceed with the public hearing. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Brian Hauptert, Chairman

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Darle V. Dawes

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor