

October 15, 2002

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 10/7 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the Jail/Judicial Center custodian hours. Since a state inspection last week indicated serious problems with the Memorial Hall boiler, Commissioners approved emergency removal of the system. They accepted a quote of \$6,274.00 from Environmental Management Specialists, Inc., to remove and dispose of presumed asbestos gaskets, refractory brick and all friable materials found, as well as the breaching insulation. They didn't accept a quote of \$540.00 for a limited scope inspection. Work is in progress. Deb Schneider, with the Council on Aging (COA), presented a 3rd quarter claim for the 5311 transportation grant. All grant funds have been expended, none will be coming in the fourth quarter, they'll have to use local contributions to stay on the road. Commissioners signed a contract with the State of Indiana, acting thru the IN Dept. of Transportation (INDOT), for the 2003 grant thru Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act. Deb reports the program has been shut down since last Wednesday, when their liability insurance policy expired, and the new rates were much higher. They have located a new carrier, but their annual rate is up to \$12,500. from \$10,000. this year. Deb is looking for ways to cut costs, so her programs can continue, and asked Commissioners to allow her to buy her gasoline thru the county, then repay the county on a monthly basis. Since state laws haven't kept pace with federal laws, Deb can't apply for rebates on her fuel usage. Other counties are doing this with their COA's, and she will get information for Commissioners. Henry Becker, with the Roann Covered Bridge Association, told Commissioners they had been planning to paint the bridge, and were surprised by the county's plans to do the job. The Association has been fund raising and talking with Dwayne Heagy about the job. Commissioners said, since they have accepted a quote, the decision to proceed is in the hands of the County Council. Council will act on an additional appropriation request for the job at their 10/28 meeting. Highway Supervisor, Larry Rice, told Limberlost Construction their quote had been accepted, but suggested they not start work until funds were appropriated. The county hasn't signed a contract with Limberlost, yet. Attorney, Mark Guenin, proposed to Commissioners he act as a mediator on acquisition of road right-of-way on Old Rd. 15 S. Commissioners will consider the option.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry asked Commissioner Attorney, Tom Mattern, to confirm that abutting property owners need notified by certified mail of the 11/18 hearing to close Ruth Street in Urbana, at the railroad crossing. Tom agreed that needs done, and the Auditor will do that, along with the newspaper notices. Larry will post a notice of the hearing in the Urbana Post Office. Larry talked with Ed Gillespie, one of the property owners on CR 150 N (Lawson Rd.). He gave the O.K. for the county to do a "utility turn around" on his ground, for buses and county trucks. Larry asked for help in locating vendors who do concrete bridge repair work. Both bridge # 56 on CR 300 E, north of CR 700 N, and bridge # 87 on CR 500 E, south of CR 300 N near Hopewell Church, need ground off and new decks installed. He talked with R.L. McCoy, who gave him ballpark figures of \$25,000. and \$18,000., respectively. Larry thinks those figures are high. Commissioners signed an agreement with INDOT for construction work on Bridge # 28. The county will pay 20% of the estimated \$579,600. for this federal aid project.

Building Permit Fees: Plan Commissioner, Chad Dilling, reports the public hearing was held with no objectors. Publication requirements have been met. Amendments include: (1) allowing use of both Circuit and Superior Courts for any legal proceedings, (2) agricultural buildings are no longer exempt from permit requirements, (3) fee schedule established. The fee schedule includes: (1) \$.50 per square foot for all buildings, porches, patios and decks, with a maximum fee being \$250.00 (2) all buildings requiring state approval get permits at no charge, (3) a special exception or variance or special exception with a variance is \$40.00, (4) subdivisions are \$50.00 plus \$5.00 per lot, (5) pools, grain bins and silos are \$1.00 times the diameter, (6) all ponds 100 sq. ft. or larger require a special exception fee of \$40.00. Darle doesn't think livestock owners should get hit with these charges. Les moved to approve the amended ordinance, second by Brian and passed with Darle voting nay. Commissioners signed Amended Ordinance, 2002-V, amending the County Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance. With no other business, they adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor