

December 23, 2002

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 12/16 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Accounts Payable Voucher Register and reviewed the Jail/Judicial Center custodian hours, the Clerk's November Report and the Benicomp Insurance November report. Les moved to accept an offer from ABF Business Forms to extend their bid prices for Class 2A and 2B printed forms thru 2003, second by Darle, and passed. Upon the recommendation of the Hospital Board of Directors, Les moved to appoint Kelly Stouffer to complete the term of Howard Halderman, who resigned, second by Darle, and passed. Ms Stouffer's term runs thru 3/31/05. The board offered three options, all of whom would serve, with Stouffer as their first choice. Les moved to decline an offer to purchase anti-terrorism insurance coverage as part of the Federal Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 11/26/02, with a premium at 20% of the current liability coverage, second by Darle, and passed. Les will contact Mr. McClary with Scarce and Rudisell Architects to learn of progress on heating/cooling plans for Memorial Hall. County Assessor, Kelly Schenkel, told Commissioners they need to appoint one Republican and one Democrat to the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA) for 2003. She didn't offer any names, but has contacted Democrat Chair, Brian McCallen for suggestions. She did think a business person and a farmer would add diversity to the board. In answer to Brian's question about spending \$3100. for three new desks for her office from Cumulative Re-appraisal funds without Commissioner approval Kelly said she checked Staples and K & R Office Supplies for prices, with K & R being the better deal. Kelly apologized for not understanding that Commissioner pre-approval for spending over \$100. included all funds, not just Co. General. Commissioners reviewed proposals from Mike Monroe of Mike's Painting, for painting the hallway and ceiling in the courthouse (\$1979.24), along with the Treasurer (\$961.96), Recorder (\$1052.21) and Auditor (\$791.84) offices. Les moved to encumber the balance in the courthouse building repair account (\$4185.99), to use toward painting, beginning with the hallway walls and ceiling, second by Darle, and passed.

Phil Amones, Wabash Co. Highway Dept; Phil says a Verizon request to bury cable in the right-of-way along CR 550 W and Cooper Road, is an upgrade of existing equipment, and looks okay. Commissioners signed the request. Phil says the Baker and Shultz bid of \$446,398. for work on Bridge # 28 over the Eel River in Laketon, was accepted by the state last week. The county 20% share is \$89,278.60. Denney Motor Sales are doing pre-delivery inspection on the two dump trucks ordered in May, then equipping them should take about another month. Phil will check the intersection of CR 700 S and CR 550 W for a missing sign, as requested by Les.

Judicial Building: Melissa Burnworth, with Pyramid, updated Commissioners on finances. The ADM and Minnick Construction retainage accounts at Frances Slocum Bank need closed with funds returned to the construction account. The Campbell's Construction retainage account should be closed with \$9,739.81 returned to the county and \$1,359.38 to Campbells Premier Commercial Services has filed bankruptcy, and they had two contracts on the project. The county could keep \$1,496.56 of retainage because the granite work contract was not satisfactorily completed, but the \$4,742.58 retainage from the base contract should go to the Premier bonding company because the jobs were completed by other contractors. Banner Glass retainage being held because they have no documentation they have cleaned the windows as required, could go toward hiring another firm to do the work, with any remaining balance going to Banner. Melissa presented Pay application # 29 which totals \$9,329.16, all of which is retainage money. Les moved to approve pay application # 29 as requested, second by Darle, and passed. Melissa presented a negotiated Change Order for Quality Electric totaling \$4,733.00. Five of the fifteen requests for additional payment were denied by Pyramid. Les moved approval of Change Order # 9 in the amount of \$4,733., second by Darle, and passed. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor