

April 12, 2004

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 4/5 meeting were approved with a correction, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. The report about Roann annexations should state some taxes would go to the town, rather than indicate all the taxes would go to the town. Commissioners reviewed the Benicomp insurance report for March and the Jail and Judicial Center custodian hours. They reviewed an unsolicited quote from Ranger Materials of Warsaw, to patch and seal the courthouse parking lot for a sum of \$1622.20. At this time they won't act on the quote. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, presented a Motion for Court Direction on Notice for direction on how to proceed regarding the Letha Jackson bequest to the Co. Farm Home. Mattern also presented a Motion to Re-Open Estate and Modify Distribution Order to allow using the funds for a different purpose. Les moved to sign both motions and get them presented to the judge for his review, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners discussed placing a plaque in a refurbished area to commemorate Jackson's contribution. Bob Brown, Emergency Management director, presented his quarterly report for Commissioner approval. This period includes completion of the CERT training program. Volunteer and paid hours for the quarter total 1982, with 415 of those hours belonging to Bob. Hours are up 157 and 1/2 from the same quarter last year. Commissioners signed the report. Bob has until August to write a 3 year strategy plan for the county. He will seek input from emergency personnel throughout the county. He has a surplus 1996 Chevy Caprice that he'll advertise for sale, and if it doesn't sell, he'll put it in the county sale later.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept. Larry had a quote of \$51,500.00 for the model 250 Maxx Patcher demonstrated last week at his department. Payment could come from Local Road and Street funds, if Co. Council would approve an appropriation. Commissioners asked Larry to get more information about requirements for the tank, before they make a decision to proceed. Larry will check a request from Penny Barnett for a "blind drive" sign at 3181 S Bailey Road, before he makes a recommendation. His crews have repaired CR 200 S, 750 E and Division Road, damaged by manure hauling trucks from Huntington County, but they have damage again, already. There's also new damage from contracted trucks (Creative Agriculture of Edinburgh, IN) hauling manure in the southern part of the county on CR 700 S 850 S, and 1000 S. Larry is to get repair cost estimates to North Central Cooperative for this area, as they want to maintain good feelings among all parties. According to Sheriff Striker, a farmer hauling his own products is exempt from weight limitations, but contracted hauling is another story. It is a dilemma for the county, as roads aren't constructed for frequent heavy weight traffic.

Leroy Striker, Sheriff: Leroy thanked Commissioners for their ongoing efforts towards establishing a Community Corrections program. Brian has talked with Molly O'Conner of Moake Park Architects, and he will set a meeting with all parties, soon. Striker reports there are 98 in jail this morning. With no further business, the meeting recessed.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor