

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 4/26 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket, the Payroll Check Register and the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. After review, Les moved approval of the annual Congressional School Fund report, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners signed the report which shows a balance of \$ 32,335.37 plus \$292.73 in interest. Les moved to sign a contract with Tony Stout to handle the county auction 6/25/04, second by Darle, and passed. The contract is for 15% of the income plus a maximum of \$125.00 for advertising. Commissioners reviewed the Verizon telephone listing proposals for 04/05 in the Wabash and North Manchester books. They agreed to delete the Courthouse listing in the Yellow pages of the Wabash book to cut the monthly cost of \$66.75, since all departments are listed in the white pages. They will leave the single listing in the Yellow pages of the No. Manchester book at a monthly fee of \$17.15. Les moved approval of a proposed increase in rent to Pillar Corporation effective 01/05, if Co. Council approves an increase, second by Darle, and passed. Currently the county pays \$15,400. annually to lease space for the Prosecutor's office, and the proposed increase would be \$19,200. annually. Building owner, Alfred Plummer cites increased utility and maintenance costs as the culprit. He said increases could come from IV-D and Pre-Trial Diversion budgets. Prosecutor, Bill Hartley, doesn't oppose the request, but wants a provision built into the contract that allows his office the option to relocate, without the county being bound to a full year contract. Emergency Management director, Bob Brown, reports the federal government has determined personal protection masks received recently from a grant don't provide sufficient protection for extended periods. SEMA has a grant opportunity for \$31,396. to cover the cost of new helmets at \$300. each. Les moved approval to apply for the grant, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners signed the application. After talking with Dallas Duggan, Chief of Probation, Les moved support of his request to appropriate User Fee Funds in the amount of \$18,500. to buy a new server and three desk top computers for his department, second by Darle, and passed. Richard Nichols, representing Manchester Recycling, Inc. asked Commissioners for a written commitment the business may stay at the 814 Manchester Avenue facility thru 12/31/2010. In exchange, Recyclers will replace the roof at an estimated cost of \$20,310.00, the lowest quote from MDM Construction. The next bid was over \$30,000.00. A proposed contract renewal with the Co. Solid Waste District is contingent upon Recyclers staying at their present location thru 2010. Commissioners took the matter under advisement this week.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: He presented four additional appropriation requests for consideration. (1) \$10,000. from Co. Highway for culverts and pipe to be placed at the intersections of CR 180 E & CR 200 E with CR 800 N, in conjunction with an A.S.C. project to facilitate area drainage. The other three from Local Rd. & St. are for repairs to roads damaged by excess weight vehicles. (2) \$90,000. to construct CR 800 S, the entire length between St. Rd. 15 and Old Rd. 15 S, and past the dairy drive on CR 200 E; (3) not to exceed \$30,000. for repairs to CR 800 S and CR 200 E around the dairy before completing the roads to withstand industrial traffic; (4) \$40,000. for repairs to CR 300 E, CR 700 S, CR 900 S and CR 100 W caused by heavy vehicles. Les moved approval of all four additional appropriation requests, second by Darle, and passed. In response to Larry's recommendation of a 10 ton weight limit on CR 200 E from 860 feet north of CR 800 S to CR 700 S, Les moved to proceed, second by Darle, and passed. Darle questioned the effect on local farmers hauling grain, but the consensus is that occasional grain trucks aren't the problem. Larry suggested Commissioners talk with the Pleasant Township Trustee regarding a broken drain issue in the Laketon area. The problem is at least 15 feet off the road, and not affecting road drainage. Ralph Dawes of Liberty Acres has requested a road cut for a 10 inch tile on CR 975 S, 1/2 mile west of CR 600 E. Dale Eppley will place the tile, 3 to 3 1/2 feet deep. Larry sees no problem with the plans. Les moved approval of the request and a maintenance charge of \$100.00, second by Darle, and passed. Matt Bobay with Butler, Fairman & Seufert Engineers, presented a progress update on Old Rd. 15 S for April. Verizon and REMC are 50% done relocating their utilities. NIPSCO is to be onsite in early May. Trees were cleared from right-of-ways before the 4/15 deadline. Many silt fences for erosion control have been installed. E & B Paving has completed wedge and leveling of resurfacing areas and installed structures # 11, 21 thru 26, 29, 47 and 49. They are building shoulders for widening and cuts for reconstruction areas. BF&S is working with some property owners on individual issues. Plans for May include excavation for building shoulders and reconstruction areas, install storm culverts, pipes and structures and subgrade for mainline areas.

Leroy Striker, Sheriff: There are 86 in jail this morning and Friday's census was 81, more in the range the Sheriff has been seeking. The \$200,000. grant for the 800 MHz radio system has arrived, and J&K Communications has submitted a quote of \$199,590.92 for equipment and installation. The quote includes 15 radio units. A bid from Emergency Radio Services was amended to total exactly \$200,000.00, the grant amount. Les moved to accept the J & K quote, second by Darle, and passed. Striker says the 800 MHz system will be mandatory by 2008, maybe sooner. Two grant applications are due May 14th and will need Commissioner approval by next Monday. There is a \$10,432. grant for law enforcement and a \$57,871. grant for first responders. Sheriff Striker says the second grant could go toward the 800 MHz radio system. Fencing for around the towers will be included in the grant application, and a generator for EMA could be in the proposal, too, if Commissioners wish. Striker should have all quotes today for fire protection enhancement at his facility. Quotes range between \$8,000. and \$11,000. and he will make a presentation next week. Sheriff Striker says Option # 2 is his choice for the Community Corrections program. Brian says he hasn't gotten a bid from Quality Electric on the project, and feels some plans try to cram too much into too small an area. There has been talk of relocating EMA to the second floor of City Hall, and Brian will meet with Mayor Vanlandingham. The city would need to spend money for partitions. Les moved to proceed with applying for the Community Corrections grant, choosing Option # 2 as the plan, second by Darle, and passed.

Memorial Hall upgrade for Probation: Scarce & Rudisel Architects representatives, Mary Ellen Rudisel and Jeff Kumfer presented plan # 8 approved by Probation Chief Duggan. The elevator to the 3rd floor is handicapped accessible, the wall cabinets along the stairway are open shelves rather than glass covered cabinets as first thought. This plan includes both a break room and conference room. The reception area and offices are divided by the stairway area, and access to the offices will be limited by a locked door. There will be a holding area, a public restroom with facilities for acquiring urine samples and a janitor sink on the floor. Probation would like one of the windows in Memorial Hall that overlooks the Judicial Center lobby opened, so they may monitor conditions in the lobby. Two or three of the rooms can use the high tin finished ceilings, while the rest will be dropped to above the window sills, thus covering HVAC and sprinkler system equipment. There are beautiful terrazzo and marble floors that will be utilized, with some carpeting and area rugs. The proposed plans could be completed by the first week of June, advertised for bids due July 6th. Renovations should be complete in four months. They estimate a base cost of \$105,000.00 plus contingencies for security issues and protection of existing murals of up to \$35,000.00. Architect fees would run about \$10,000.00 to complete the project. Les moved to accept the plan presented, and set a not to exceed total cost, including architect fees, of \$150,000.00, second by Darle, and passed. Les advised Dallas Duggan, he will need quotes for their electrical needs. Dallas says most office furniture can be moved from the current facility, but he will need conference and break room furnishings. He still agrees to commit some of his user funds to the project, but the majority will come from Cumulative Capital Development funds. With no further business, the meeting recessed.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST:

Carol Stefanatos, Auditor