

September 7, 2004

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 8/30 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. They reviewed the August Financial Report and the Benicomp Insurance August Report. Commissioners signed Change Order # 1 for Memorial Hall renovation work. They voted approval 8/23 to reinforce a portion of the tin ceiling for \$935.00. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, says the contract for monitoring the fire system looks okay, the indemnity clause is removed, however, the county needs to install two phone lines for the system. Since Commissioners were unaware of this need, they want to talk with Simplex/Grinnell before signing the contract. Tom will review the contract for handicapped voter equipment. Allen Miracle and Felicia Staley talked with Commissioners about moving to a "wellness" program for employee insurance coverage. A preliminary test of each covered employee is the first step, and Felicia recommends doing that in early November. Blood pressure, cholesterol, and body mass are checked. The employee is also asked if they have used tobacco in the last 12 months. It would cost about \$22.00 per employee, and the county would cover that cost. Testing doesn't lock the county into making a change, but it does give employees personal health information. Employees are credited for healthy lifestyles, which affects their deductible. The deductible for covered family members would be double that of the employee. They also advised a new law requires bonding of a percentage of claims incurred by a governmental or church plan. Cincinnati Insurance Co., the bond carrier for Benicomp, has suggested the public entity might provide a letter of credit representing 10% of the prior year's claims, which Benicomp would use to secure the bond. The letter is needed by September 15th.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: There are 162 miles of chip and seal completed, which leaves about 28 miles to be done. He may have to re-do four miles that were done last Friday before it rained. He will check it today. There's a pre-construction meeting at 2:00 today on the retaining wall on Treaty Creek on Old Rd. 15 S. He received a check from the New Schoonebeek Dairy for \$2,000.00 toward road repairs in the area of the dairy. He hasn't heard from North Central Cooperative. In response to a call, Larry has talked with the Wabash City Street Department, and they will paint the road centerline on the Carroll St. bridge. Toby Steffen with Butler, Fairman & Seufert (BF&S) presented a fully executed copy of the 4th Supplemental Agreement for Survey and Design Services on Phase II of the Old Rd. 15 S project, approved by Commissioners 8/9/04. He also had a letter giving Notice to Proceed with preliminary engineering on the project for Commissioners to sign. It's part of the paperwork required by the state. Brian signed the letter. He also signed a claim on the DNR project on CR 950 S and CR 300 W in the amount of \$53,030. The county will be fully reimbursed on this project. Matt Bobay, project manager for Old 15 S, presented Change Order # 2 on that project. Proposed changes totaling \$30,057.72 include: (1) change some materials from steel to aluminum, add \$3,326.94; (2) replace field tile under Old Rd. 15, add \$3,411.12; (3) erosion control blanket on ditches, add \$17,169.00; (4) double faced sign for an intersection, add \$336.66; (5) new pipe, add \$5814.00. Les moved to approve Change Order # 2, second by Darle, and passed.

Leroy Striker, Sheriff: There are 91 in jail this morning. Deputy Bryan Cox, totaled a car early this morning in a pursuit, no one was injured. Leroy has notified the insurance carrier. Deputy Terri Rzasa was involved in a pursuit Sunday morning when her car broke down. They hope repairs are limited to a new alternator. He's got three vehicles down now. Reserve deputy, Mike Campbell, was driving the car that struck David Christman last week. Campbell wasn't at fault, wasn't driving a county vehicle, but was in uniform and enroute to the Sheriff's department to do a transport. Sheriff Striker is getting some painting done around the jail.

Memorial Hall Renovation: Jeff Kumfer with Searce and Rudisel Architects, presented Change Order # 2, which includes 14 items. Commissioners deleted 3 items including carpet in a workroom, refinishing existing interior doors and a change in the location of the janitor sink, because the change didn't lower the cost as they felt it should. Les moved approval of the other changes, totaling \$5,701.00, second by Darle, and passed. Changes include: (1) \$850. to repair plaster where radiators and a sink were removed; (2) \$890. to add plexiglass to protect murals; (3) \$498. for a cabinet and work top in the reception area; (4 & 5) no additional charge for changing the wall framing in the reception area and an office; (6) \$1545. to refinish existing wood window trim; (7) \$450. to refinish existing north entry doors and the trim; (8) \$860. to add exit and exit/emergency lights; (9) \$1008. to replace lead plumbing pipes; (10) deduct \$250. by replacing a 42 space electric panel with an 18 space panel; (11) deduct \$150. to replace tongue and groove paneling with dry wall. Les asked Jeff to check the ceiling in the ante room where you access the attic. Insulation is exposed, and should be addressed. With no further business, the meeting recessed.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor