

September 18, 2000

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 9/11 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and carried. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. They accepted three applications for the Weights & Measures director position, and made arrangements for applicants to be tested October 2nd at 1:00 p.m. in the courthouse. They learned the Auditor acknowledged an assignment by Minnick Construction Partnership to the Fountain Trust Company, upon Brian's request. Minnick assigned \$25,000. from their first construction draw as collateral towards finalizing their performance bond, so the county can sign their contract. Les reports Leroy Striker asked permission to place some anti domestic violence signs in county road right-of-way around unincorporated towns in the county. He would like to add them to information sign posts. Commissioners think Mr. Striker and his group would have to do the installation themselves, using old sign-posts donated by the county, if they like, and place the signs on the backside of the right-of-way. Larry Rensberger, Roann volunteer fireman presented letters from Paw Paw Twp. Trustee, LuAnn Layman, Wabash City Ambulance Service, Life-Med Ambulance Service and himself, requesting dis-patchers to send Wabash City Ambulance as the primary responder to all Paw Paw Twp. emergency calls and extrications. Currently, Life-Med responds north of State Rd. 16, and Wabash City responds south of Rd. 16. Commissioners want to talk with Life-Med personnel before agreeing to the change. Rensberger asked for a prompt decision. Commissioners will meet with Miami Co. and Fulton Co. board members regarding the Bolly Ditch next Monday at 9:00 A.M. in Peru. Their weekly meeting here will begin at 10:30 A.M.

Tim Roberts, Sheriff: Tim says the Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) got approval to give the county an old 150 ft. tower, and have had it dismantled. He has talked with Larry Rice about transporting it to the new location near Laketon. He'll use jail trustees to paint it before it's erected, and use 911 funds for the installation. Tim's goal is to have the old tower that's currently used for the northern part of the county, placed in the LaFontaine area before year's end, so the 911 equipment can be relocated from the WKUZ tower. Darle and the Sheriff discussed a rescue incident where CPR was administered by a county resident, who is concerned the victim, who died, wasn't tested for HIV during the autopsy. The Sheriff has a tape recording of the conversation between his deputy and a hospital emergency room employee, with his deputy requesting the test be performed, but the request didn't get to the coroner, and the test wasn't done.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Crews are on their third tour of mowing, doing a double swath in some areas. Pierceton Trucking underseal work is done on CR 175 E and CR 180 E, and they're moving to CR 300 E today. Phend & Brown should start milling the road today, with asphalt work to begin later this week. Larry says it looks like damage to Chester Twp. bridge # 82 isn't as bad as they thought. The structure is okay, and groundhogs are causing the damage. They're going to pump oil under the road at the beginning of the structure, and since the trucks are already there for the road work, the cost will be minimal. Crews are berming and side-ditching around the county, and there's a couple of places on CR 700 W that need cleaned out, but it may be a drainage issue. Larry notified the state last week that he was unhappy with some of the county road repair work being done in conjunction with new Rd. 24 E. They said they'd take care of it, and he hasn't been back to check, yet. Larry said a resident along the project, isn't happy with the way his drive-way was finished by contractors. Larry is gathering information about Somerset road needs. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor