

February 24, 2003

Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. with Darle absent, as he is attending a Wabash/Miami County joint drainage meeting in Peru. Brian Haupert moved to approve the 2/18 minutes as written, second by Les, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. They reviewed the Treasurer's January report and the Weights and Measures monthly report. Commissioners reviewed reports from Environmental Management Specialists regarding the removal and disposal of asbestos containing materials in conjunction with the removal of the boiler from the Memorial Hall building last October. They approved a request from Noble Township Assessor, Brenda Conner, to purchase envelopes for her office. Brenda asked, since the cost will exceed \$100.00. Ted Hurley, with J&K Communications, presented cost options to Commissioners regarding the 180 foot tower at the REMC facility. There is county equipment on the tower and REMC has offered to sell the tower to the county for \$35,000.00. Hurley said buying and upgrading the existing tower is the most cost effective, at about \$63,246.00, but also proposed a new tower at the Co. Highway Dept., plus upgrades. That would run \$49,750. for the tower, if the highway department dug the hole, then \$27,991.75 for equipment installation, labor and re-licensing of microlink paths. Another \$12,645.00 would supply a control station and a repeater. This option would eliminate a phone line and those monthly fees. Commissioners will study the proposals.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Truck # 23 was damaged on Sunday when the snow blade got hung up clearing a gravel road. He anticipates the insurance adjustor will total it. The second truck bought last year, and equipped by Deeds Equipment, arrives today. Larry says Darle took a copy of the Indiana Code reference on road maintenance responsibility to his meeting in Miami Co. today. IC: 8-17-1-45 states each county is responsible for maintaining the east and south roads on their county lines. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Haupert

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor