

June 2, 2003

Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with Darle Dawes absent due to a family death. Minutes of the 5/27 meeting were approved with a correction, moved by Brian Hauptert, second by Les, and passed. The road project is on CR 950 S and 300 W rather than 300 S. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim and Allowance Docket, the Payroll Check Register and the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Commissioners agreed with a proposal from the Pleasant Township Association to close portions of Main Street in Laketon between 8:00 A.M. and 11:00 P.M. on June 21st & 22nd for Laketonian Days festivities. Les signed the Cost Recovery Guidelines and Instructions for accepting wireless E-911 Phase II calls, as part of a contract with WTH Engineering to verify addresses in Wabash, North Manchester and LaFontaine.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Bridge # 28 at Laketon is closed, and he's already had a call about the effect on business in Laketon. Repairs will take most of the summer. He has settled with Charles Cable on the sign, paid him \$500.00. He will write a thank-you for Cable's donation of \$750.00, since his asking price was \$1250.00.

Sheriff Leroy Striker: Will be requesting an additional appropriation from Co. Council for inmate medical expenses in his jail budget. Expenses have already exceeded the amount budgeted for 2003. His 2004 budget will include a new medical plan. He's getting bids for air conditioner repairs in the jail. A unit installed in 2000 couldn't maintain needed capacity, and failed.

Co. Clerk, Lori Draper: Lori asked about installing a "drop off" box for after hours payments. Larry Rice could build one if he has a design. Sheriff Striker suggested using an old post office box, or making the jail a payment place, since it's open 24/7. Lori will check about an old post office box. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, will review the contract with Computer Systems, Inc. before Commissioners sign. It's for the "doxpop" system.

Bob Brown, Emergency Management director: Bob won't be using all the FEMA Comprehensive Emergency Planning grant funds for wages. He would like to rent a copy machine for four months, and has checked his options. Staples and Office Depot don't do rentals, but K & R Office Supplies will rent a unit for \$700.00, with an option to purchase if he desires. Brian moved approval for Bob to rent the unit for 4 months at \$700.00, second by Les, and passed.

Health Department: Co. Health officer, Dean Gifford, Health Board president, Jeffrey Pyle Co. Health nurse, Jane Skeans and nursing assistant, Lori Foust attended. The county is eligible to receive about \$18,000.00 through a Homeland Security grant, and Jane must have a plan completed by June 6th. If her plan is approved, the funds must be encumbered by August 31st. Funding should continue for 3 to 5 years. Preparedness training is required by the grant, and she will need space for the sessions. Jane proposed using the grant to remodel space on the second floor of the courthouse for their offices. Commissioners suggested instead, an area in the courthouse basement, as proposed in a plan done in conjunction with the judicial building project. Because of time constraints, Les said the first step was to apply for the grant. The worst case scenario would be that the schedule couldn't be met, and the funds would be withheld. Jane will proceed with the application, and attempt to learn more about the grant specifications. Dr. Gifford reported the state would be installing two T-1 lines for better computer access. With no further business, the meeting recessed.

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Lester D. Templin, Chairman

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Brian K. Hauptert

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor