

August 25, 2003

Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 8/18 meeting were approved as written, moved by Brian Hauptert, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. They reviewed the Clerk's July Report. Commissioners learned State Board of Accounts auditor, Bruce Hartman, advised the Co. Auditor there are no state statutes governing fixed assets policy. Commissioners would need to make a change in their written policy, or a recorded vote in their meeting, if they wish to change the threshold limit for fixed assets. The current threshold is \$100.00. Brian moved to increase the threshold to \$10,000.00, second by Darle, and passed. This is the same rate the state uses. Hartman said each office would need to keep an inventory of all items below that threshold. The Auditor is to notify all offices of the change. All items must be tagged for identification, with matching information on the inventory sheet. Commissioners learned the insurance carrier has been notified of damage to a Weights & Measures funnel during testing at a local gas station. An employee moved a pylon and backed over the funnel. Emergency Management director, Bob Brown, reports the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan has been approved without any changes. Stan Wertemberger, President of the Tavern Club Association, reports they would like to donate funds to keep the Christmas lights aglow atop the Courthouse. Commissioners were appreciative of the offer. Sheriff, Leroy Striker, has learned his Merit Board needs to address a proposed sick leave policy change, before he brings the issue before Commissioners. Joe Updike, Richard Whitaker and Kelvin Grumpp talked with Commissioners about establishing a couple large waterways at CR 800 N and CR 200 E. Commissioners granted permission to proceed, after the group has talked with Co. Highway Superintendent, Larry Rice, and after they learn whether surrounding property owners intend to contribute.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry says 111 miles of chip and seal are done, and they should finish up for this year, today. The department had 15 different locations with downed trees from the 8/22 storm, along with 2 wash-outs. The department lost 4 phones, 2 radios and a modem. They may need to get a new base. GASB-34 (Government Accounting Standards Board) is an unfunded mandate, that will only be used when one applies for a bond. Larry says he needs to "take an inaccurate inventory of all roads, bridges and culverts, giving them a dollar value, then turn the report over to someone who isn't going to do anything with it." Phase 1 must be done by December. Mr. Giles, on LaFontaine Avenue, has made progress toward eliminating the dirt problem on the roadway by installing a culvert. Larry reminds bids will be let on Sept. 16th in Indianapolis, for phase III of Old St. Rd. 15 S, north of St. Rd. 124. Commissioners approved a SPRINT request to bury cable for 2127 feet on the west side of CR 200 W and the south side of CR 500 N. It will replace deteriorated cable. With no further business, the meeting recessed.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Hauptert

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor