

OCTOBER 6, 2003

Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order with all members present. Minutes of the 9/29 meeting were approved as written, moved by Darle Dawes, second by Brian Hauptert, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket, the Payroll Check Register and the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. They reviewed the September Financial Report. They noted two approval letters from the Dept. of Natural Resources in reference to the amended Floodplain Ordinance. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, reports the defendant in the Todd Wheatley suit has waived the right to appeal the decision, in lieu of being held responsible for the county's legal expenses. Bob Brown, Emergency Management director, presented his 4th quarter report for review and approval. There were 1957 1/2 hours of volunteer and paid time contributed in the 4th quarter, and he has included wage and benefit costs for the 50% annual federal reimbursement. Commissioners signed the report. Bob says the Emergency Management ordinance will need revised due to changes in Title 10. The Comprehensive Emergency Management plan is finished and will need Commissioner review and approval. Commissioners approved the 5311 Transportation grant quarterly report presented by Council on Aging director, Beverly Ferry.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Commissioners approved the 2004 Supplies bid package prepared by Larry. The Auditor will get it advertised. He told Commissioners 10/1/03 thru 12/12/03 is the application period for TEA grants for recreational facilities like bike trails and river walks. He asked Commissioner support of several additional appropriation requests. From Cumulative Bridge, he will ask \$7,000. for bridge # 177 and \$7,500. for bridge # 70. Both have scour damage. From Local Road & Street he will request \$8,000. for a temporary fix to the retaining wall on Old Rd. 15 S, and \$4,500. for storm gutter repairs on CR 1100 S, west of CR 600 W. Brian moved approval to proceed with the requests, second by Darle, and passed. Larry says a VERIZON request to bury cable looks okay. They will replace deteriorating cable in the west right-of-way of CR 800 E, north of CR 900 N, for 1752 feet. Commissioners signed the request. Larry has concerns about plans for two waterways for Richard Whitacre. The area has been flagged, but he hasn't seen any plans for a larger pipe, which will be necessary, because the existing 12" drain along CR 800 N won't accommodate drainage from 81 acres. Also, a structure across the " T intersection must be addressed. Crews are still berming and ditching, and he's had no complaints to date. Steve Jones with United Consulting Engineers, told Commissioners that INDOT will soon release requests for FA-3 federally funded projects. Jones said his firm would be glad to scope potential sites and help with cost estimates and the application process, at no cost. While Commissioners made no commitment, they said the next bridge on the repair list is Ferry Street bridge # 505.

Sheriff, Leroy Striker: Leroy reports jail census is 89 this morning. He reports work on the exercise area will be done Thursday by Heartland Career Center students. He's still pursuing locations for a Community Corrections program, and if Judge Sposeep gives his approval of the program, Leroy will likely proceed. In response to his query about a decision on government acquisition vehicles, Darle moved to proceed with the application, second by Brian, and passed. With no further business, the meeting recessed.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Hauptert

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor