

February 5, 2001

Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 1/29 meeting were approved as written, moved by Brian Hauptert, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket, the Payroll Check Register and the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. They reviewed the Clerk's December Report and the January Financial Report. They learned museum curator, Jack Miller, wouldn't be helping with the inventory and packing of museum artifacts, so Jack officially retired as of 1/31/01. Commissioners are grateful for his years of dedication to the museum. Brian also noted, packing is going well, and the much appreciated offer of storage space by the city, probably won't be needed. Toby Steffan with Butler, Fairman & Seufert, says there's slow progress on the new Carroll Street bridge, as contractors didn't work from 12/14 to 1/15 due to weather. Toby presented Change Order # 2 which recommends adding two 8" gate valves to relieve pressure on the 200 mm water main, at \$1,000. per valve. Indiana/American Water Corp. agrees to make the change and to reimburse the county \$2,000. at the end of the project. Brian moved to approve change order # 2, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners thanked her for her interest, and told Carrie Rees with Beauchamp & McSpadden Insurance, they don't intend to go thru the bid process this year for employee medical insurance, maybe next year if we have another good year, claims wise.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: The main highway department building has some structural damage, maybe weather related, and Larry will notify insurance and get a couple repair estimates. In one corner the floor is failing and the building is pulling away from the concrete supports. The state notified Larry they are concerned about safety at the cul-de-sac where the Blue Star Highway (old 24 E) ends, near the county line. There have been several accidents, three in one week-end. They're putting a barricade in the west bound lane, but Larry doesn't expect them to do much else before they turn it over to the county for maintenance responsibility, probably next summer. Larry reported he negotiated for a settlement of \$5,830. on the highway pick-up truck damaged in an accident. It will be replaced with the foreman's vehicle. Larry thinks the boom mower was a good investment, they've used it a great deal. He called crews in to sand the roads on Sunday. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Lester D. Templin, Chairman

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Darle V. Dawes

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Brian K. Hauptert

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor