

March 5, 2001

Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 2/26 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 February Financial Report, the Police Pension annual report and the State General Fund Surplus Report as of 6/30/00. Duane Wagner, CR 200 W asked for a culvert to help with drainage, and hopefully eliminate water in his basement and yard. He was told to get written agreement from Scott Schuler, who owns across the road. Commissioners will have Surveyor, John Stephens and Larry Rice check the area. Wagner also says snow plows, pushing snow off the road, have damaged the fence at his son's property on the Laketon Road just north of CR 700 W. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern presented Ordinance 2001-2, approved last week, for Commissioner signatures. It prohibits commercial truck travel on CR 300 E between Lagro and U.S. 24 E. Tom will also prepare a response letter for Prince/Alexander Architects (P/A), indicating they defaulted on their contract with the county and failed in their obligations to the project. This letter is a response to a letter from P/A indicating the project plan documents belong to P/A, and the county may not use them to complete the project. P/A will also notify the state they're withdrawing the plans. The contract with P/A indicates the plans belong to them, with special exceptions, including default. Ultimately, if it goes that far, a court would decide whether or not P/A defaulted on the contract. Plan Commission director, Chad Dilling, presented a new subdivision plat for Commissioner approval. Called Troyer Bridge Estates, it's located in Liberty Township along the east side of CR 100 E., but the only access is in Grant County. The seven lots, with covenants and restrictions, has been approved by the Plan Commission Board, and Darle moved acceptance of the plat, second by Brian, and passed.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Warning signs have been ordered, and the state and the Town of Lagro notified of the above mentioned ordinance. The Lagro Town Board meets tonight, and the only possible concern by the state, is that the warning signs are too large. Larry has petitions requesting double chip and seal on two roads. About a 1/2 mile section on CR 680 E off CR 400 S and about 7/10 of a mile on CR 450 S (Cemetery Rd.) near Lincolnville. Both roads are currently about 12 ft. wide and will take a great deal of preparation, so the job might not get completed this summer, but there are several homes on both roads, now. Darle moved to put both roads on the double chip and seal schedule, second by Brian, and passed. Larry says they will try plowing differently at the Isaac Walton League entrance, a bus turn around, and see if it works better. On Larry's recommendation, Commissioners approved and signed a request from Verizon to bury cable in the west right-of-way of CR 100 W, 5/10 of a mile north of St. Rd. 114.

Allen Miracle, Kathy Stanley and Neil Ropp with Benicomp Inc. presented a medical insurance renewal proposal, to the Commissioners. They submitted to three carriers, but only our current carrier, Pacific Life with an A++ rating, responded. Even though we've had a good year, claims wise, and have a \$165,000. surplus in our plan account, staying with our current coverage will mean a 46% increase over this year's rates, due to across the board increases from insurance carriers. They suggest increasing the county self funded share to \$20,000. per covered individual from the current \$10,000., using half of the surplus to lower the costs, and think about coverage changes, to cut the increase to about 17%. Lowering out of network coverage from 80% to 70% and increasing the stop loss ceiling from \$2500. to \$5000. would help. Also, the deductible per person could be increased from \$250. to \$500. Commissioners will review the options, and make a decision before the April 1st deadline. With no further business, they 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