

April 2, 2001

Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order with all members present. Minutes of the 3/26 meeting were approved as written. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Accounts Payable Voucher Register, the Payroll Claim and Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. They reviewed the March Financial Report. They learned employees who participate in the deferred compensation retirement plan voted 30 to 8 in favor of staying with the state program. Commissioners and Council members Gary Nose, Leon Ridenour and Paul Sites met with Pyramid Architect & Engineering representatives Terry Burnworth, Carl Denman and Donald Flick to discuss the judicial building project. Pyramid is still negotiating to resolve about \$25,000. in outstanding wages due by Minnick Construction to employees. A new mason, Eclipse Masonry of Kokomo, hired to complete phases II and III of the project, begins work 4/3/01. Pyramid estimates additional required expenses will total about \$255,952., and our current contingency balance is \$269,000. Terry thinks the county should at least have \$100,000. in uncommitted contingency funds. Normally 10% of the entire project, contingency funds should never be entirely depleted unless that decision is owner driven. He also shared optional items totaling \$239,500. that weren't in the original budget, but have been discussed at one time or another. Commissioners and Council members will hold a special meeting to discuss the project on April 11th at 5:00 P.M. The group discussed recouping lost costs from the former architect thru errors and omissions or standard of care. Some problems can't be foreseen, they look good on paper, but won't work in reality, while sometimes there's negligence on the part of the consultant or contractor. The county may have a case, but that would be pursued at the end of the project when the extent of the damage was known. Bills for site clean-up and wages for the new mason to complete the unfinished work of mason # 1, will be submitted to the Minnick Construction bonding company for payment.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: As requested by Metro School district, gravel has been placed at a bus turn-around at the Brian Bechtold home, 3220 E 400 S. Larry will look at a bad culvert near the Larry Kendall home at CR 850 S and CR 50 E. After reviewing estimates to repair the north side of the highway building, Brian moved to select J. L. Sparks Construction's estimate of \$13,426. for cement block work 64" high, then framed in above that and new windows. After discussion of the need for windows, Darle second the motion, which passed. Other estimates were \$14,255. from Faust Masonry for the same work, and \$15,900. from Kroft Construction. Larry talked to the insurance adjustor and the deductible is \$5,000., while the repair amount for the damaged block is estimated at \$5,455. The agent advises if we make a claim for the \$455. our rates will likely go up. Larry has looked at the debris at the Market Street bridge in North Manchester, it's what they cleared from the river, and moving it out will damage private property, but he's working on a solution. The tandem axle truck is in, and delivered for equipment installation. Two Somerset residents have asked Les when work on their streets will begin. There are still decisions to be made before the work proceeds. Eric Metzger, just west of the Boliver bridge, has field tile that may be either damaged or left unhooked following ASCS water way work. Commissioners approved a request from SPRINT to bury new cable in the right-of-way for about 600 ft. on CR 700 N and for about 3000 ft. on CR 300 E plus bore under the road. Larry thinks it looks okay. Darle moved to approve a road cut request from Gene and Greg Michel on CR 800 E 1/2 mile north of CR 800 N. Michel will do the work and furnish the material needed for a 12 inch tile under the road, owing the county \$63.00. Brian second the motion, and it passed. Darle moved, Brian second, and passed approval for David Brinson to install a 6 inch tile under CR 300 E, 1/2 mile north of CR 900 S. Brinson will do the work, but needs the county to haul backfill. Brinson will pay the county \$100. With no further business they adjourned.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Haupert

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor