

September 21, 1998

Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the courthouse with all members present. Minutes of the 9/14 meeting were approved with two corrections. The Executive Session was held in the Commissioner's Room of the courthouse, and Mr. Koch on Tillman Road was corrected to Mr. Cook. Brian moved approval, second by Darle and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim and Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. They reviewed the Treasurer's monthly report and the Boiler Inspection report for Memorial Hall and the Probation Department. Custodian Harris looked at the leaking pipe noted as needing repaired at Probation, and contacted Quality Electric to repair it. Once repairs are completed, Commissioners will sign and return the report. In the course of the inspection on 9/11, the inspector, Jay Kokena, left water running at the Probation office. It went undiscovered until Monday morning, and carpets were soaked. The Auditor is to include a note disclosing this information and a copy of the carpet service bill, with the report of repair compliance. Commissioners read a letter from Wabash City Clerk/Treasurer, stating they had paid a \$750. bill from Triad for Carroll Street bridge work. That amount will be deducted from the final settlement with the county for the city's share of the project. Reviewed a Co. Health Department claim submitted for legal services October thru December, 1998. Commissioners noted it is not county policy to pre-pay for services, and denied payment of the claim pending discussion with the Co Health officer. They would like to know if there is a written agreement for these consultation services. The Auditor reported she had talked with Manchester Recyclers about service for our recycled products. They suggested purchasing our own container, which they would service at no charge, or using a metal cage they could supply for cardboard materials, and a fiberboard container that must be protected from weather for paper products. Commissioners will talk with the Solid Waste District about possible grants to purchase a dumpster. Commissioners told Maxine Howard, Extension office manager to get 3 quotes for a new copy machine for the courthouse basement. The current one needs replaced.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway dept.: They have 130.9 miles of chip and seal completed and 2 1/2 miles of double chip and seal done. Some additional roads still need prepared for the process, and may not get done this year. He's trying to get Shopping Center Road in Somerset ready for a new surface, but he needs John Stephens to get it surveyed, so he knows just what area is the county's responsibility. Some thought the county would maintain the entire parking area, but we're only responsible for the roadway. Larry says the state has completed repairs on the bridge on St. Rd. 114 east of North Manchester. The road is open, and detour signs are down. He'll check for damage to county roads, and negotiate a settlement with IN Dept. of Transportation. Larry had a cost update for the Elloit Rd. bridge replacement from DebCo Metal Culverts. Their original estimate of \$89,600. was increased to \$98,850. as the span will need to be 2 feet longer. The county budgeted \$110,000. for the project, and will provide some materials and labor. The culvert should be delivered this week, with completion in three weeks. Larry says his inventory of Stop and Yield signs in the county indicates there are 434 intersection signs, 307 of which are Stop (18 are all Stop) and 127 intersections have Yield signs. In the small towns, there are 62 Yield and 24 Stop signs. Stop signs and posts are \$24.07 per set and we'd need about 254 sets (\$6,114.). Larry Lengel, Noble Township Trustee, encouraged Commissioners to eliminate all Yield signs on county roads, as there have been 3 fatalities in less than two months. Commissioners took the matter under advisement. Darle moved to approve the petition to change the Yield signs to Stop signs on CR 500 W at the intersection of CR 800 S., second by Brian, and passed. Les and Larry discussed a drainage concern on St. Rd. 15 at CR 150 N. Larry says GTE isn't finished working there yet, and they have promised to smooth out the area when they're done. Larry thinks there's more problems than just the GTE work in the area. Les will respond to the concerned party.

Kurt Snyder and Bruce Shaw of Roann, are involved in the Wellhead Protection program mandated by the state, to assess the safety of municipal water supplies throughout the state. They are assembling a local planning group, and need a government official on the board. Harvey Omstead is the health board representative. Commissioners will make an appointment before the first meeting on Oct. 1st at 7:30 p.m. in the Roann library.

Sandi Beeks, E-911 Coordinator, will get additional written estimates to go with the GTE estimate of \$58,000. for equipment needed for the new 10 digit requirements to cover cellular phones. Sandi also questioned whether she should be paying repair bills for the No. Manchester Police department's equipment. Brian said he will talk with town board members.

Paul Bergman, Emergency Management director, has sent his terrorist action plan to the state for approval. Sheriff Roberts approved it, and Commissioners have copies, too. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Lester Templin, Chairman

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Darle Dawes

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor