

November 16, 1998

Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order with Darle Dawes absent. Minutes of the 11/9 meeting were approved as written, moved by Brian, second by Les, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim and Allowance Docket, the Payroll Check Register and the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. They reviewed the BENICOMP Insurance monthly report. Brian will turn on the lights atop the courthouse for the annual lighting ceremony on 11/20. Brian moved to approve and sign a bond renewal for Nancy Corn, second by Les, and passed. Brian moved to approve two additional appropriation requests of the County Council at their 12/7 meeting, second by Les, and passed. Both are from the Commissioners budget, #322 Postage \$8,000. (postage machine used by entire courthouse) and # 399 Wards of Court \$300,000. Commissioners reviewed 3 letters from Doug Herendeen of Butler, Fairman & Seufert, with requests for additional information on title searches done for the Old St. Rd. 15 project. Learned the new mower and cab unit were delivered, and want payment to come from Courthouse # 445. Les signed additional reports on the Community Development Block Grant presented by Ken Ward of the Area Five Agency on Ageing and Community Service. Total original grant was for \$300,000. and ended in 1997. Brian moved approval of the CEDIT Capital Improvement Plan for 1999 thru 2001 as presented by Bill Bradley last week, second by Les, and passed. Les signed for the county.

Vince Harrell, County Agent, received approval from Commissioners to purchase a Gateway Personal computer for the Extension Office for \$1,548. A somewhat lower bid from Mittings/Radio Shack didn't include the spreadsheet software options Vince needs. He plans to buy a 17" monitor that is \$129. more than the 15" monitor.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Department: Doesn't yet have a report from John Stephens on his site work on CR 1300 N. Larry has a road cut request from Jim Dyson for CR 700 W one mile south of Cooper Road. They will cut into the road surface over a ten ft. area, and repair costs by the county should amount to \$270. Brian moved approval of the project for a fee of \$270. second by Les, and passed. Noted he and Deputy Auditor/Bookkeeper, Nancy Laudenschlager, have reduced his budgets for "98" and "99" by \$533,000. based on the State Board of Tax Commissioners projected estimation of monies the county should receive for the highway general fund. The biggest cuts will be to the chip and seal and double chip and seal budgets for "99", although many accounts were reduced by lesser amounts. Reported his group trip to Illinois checking out new equipment was positive, and they're working on an estimate for a distributor. Alan Jones with Bernardin and Lochmueller called Larry regarding CR 1200 S and CR 450 W concerns. They asked for an accident report, which Larry requested from the Sheriff's department. They also may need to do a traffic count in the area, which should be done during the summer. Larry noted department employee Gene Brewer will be retiring 1/8/99 as per his letter dated 11/12/98.

Tom Mattern, Commissioner attorney, noted he will pass a Tort notice from John Barshney on to our insurer. He says Barshney must file a lawsuit within 6 months. Tom will contact LifeMed about a contract renewal for 1999. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle Dawes

Brian Hauptert

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor