

October 13, 1998

Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the courthouse with all members present. Minutes of the 10/5 meeting were approved as written, moved by Darle, second by Brian, and passed. Reviewed the Memorial Hall/Jail custodian hours and the Veterans Service Monthly report. Noted that effective 11/7/98 Triax Cable Co. will increase rates for expanded basic service for No. Manchester clients \$2.20 per month. Learned Ron Moore will repair the bench outside Superior Court for \$50. Referred an allegation of harassment concerning Ileen Penn to the Animal Control Board.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway dept.: Old St. Rd. 15 work from last week is complete except for final grading. Elliott Rd. bridge (state # 182) materials were delivered 10/8 and the work should be completed within 3 weeks. Ronnie Binkerd, adjacent property owner may need yard repairs after work is completed. Les reminded no decision has been made on replacing bridge #51 (CR 600 E & CR 975 S). Commissioners signed two copies of an agreement with the In Dept. of Transportation for a settlement of \$2,500. in damages for the local detour while the bridge was repaired on St. Rd. 114 east of No. Manchester. Les will talk with Mayor McCallen about a potential road hazard at the Carroll St. bridge where the sewer line has been moved. Brian moved to commit \$3,950. from the Miami St. bridge account for a concrete drain from the street to Charley Creek to alleviate water run-off from the street across the Ray Waller property, second by Darle, the motion passed. Surveyor, John Stephens, will shoot the grade and decide what size pipe is needed on CR 1300 N east of CR 300 W. Gaunt & Son contractors estimate 775 ft. of pipe, about 3,000 ton of gravel and limestone to build up the road 4 ft. higher than it is now. If they did all the work it would cost about \$44,120. plus a guardrail option of \$33,000.+. The county highway dept. could do some of the work, thus lowering the cost. Commissioners took the matter under advisement. Larry says a GTE request to bore under CR 500 E, 1200 ft. west of CR 1500 N looks okay, so Commissioners signed approval. Larry says his men have installed the new pipe at CR 1300 N and CR 400 W, and they're installing two pipes today on CR 700 E and CR 1100 N. Larry will check for a problem on the newly installed pipe on CR 900 N, at Darle's request. Larry's crew filled potholes in the disputed alley in Liberty Mills on October 6th.

E-911 equipment update: Les noted it's projected the E-911 fund should have about \$65,900. by the end of 1999, so there would be enough money to upgrade the equipment to twenty digit compatibility. He said Coordinator, Sandi Beeks, is waiting for an estimate from Ameritech. GTE's estimate to upgrade is \$58,000.

Tim Roberts, Sheriff: Proposed a change from a new underground fuel tank for the generator at the jail, to a natural gas 80 kilowatt generator. Installation, with the old generator as a trade is \$12,634. with hook up lines running about \$1,000. each. The total cost should be less than \$15,000. and funds in the Co. Corrections fund are adequate. There would be a reduction in the old tank removal costs, as installation of a new tank and required monitoring devices would be eliminated. Commissioners ask Tim to get another price for switching to a natural gas generator, then Darle moved to go to a natural gas generator using Co. Corrections funds. The \$12,634. estimate came from Two Brothers Generator Service in Ossian, IN.

Debbi Ingersoll, Weights & Measures director asked approval to transfer funds from her 391 account for state meetings to an account for part-time help (about 50 hours) for the rest of 1998. She needs help with heavy equipment due to a back injury, and she has requirements to complete before the end of 1998. Darle moved to approve the transfer of \$500. from the 300 account to a 100 account for part-time help thru 1998, second by Brian, and passed. Commissioners suggest Debbi hire someone 18 or older. Final approval must come from the Co. Council at their December meeting.

Courthouse & Memorial Hall roof bids: At 11:00 a.m. Darle moved to close bids for the project, second by Brian, and passed. Four bids were accepted, and reviewed. MidState Contractors didn't include a bond, and Commissioners agreed to give them 24 hours to produce it. Mary Ellen Rudisel will notify them. Brian moved to take the bids under advisement, second by Darle, and passed. Mary Ellen will review the bids, and report back next week. Bids were:

	Both bldgs.	Crthse. only	MemHall only	Replace Skylite	Repair skylite	Crthse. shingle
Ft. Wayne Roofing:	\$325,000.	159,800.	168,700.	23,000.	no bid	67,500.
Midland Engineering:	257,000.	110,000.	147,000.	11,365.	no bid	114,000.
MidState Contractor:	161,749.	54,719.	107,030.	23,100.	4,500.	75,133.
Smither Roofing:	315,800.	130,200.	202,230.	19,900.	6,500.	112,600.
	Corner Cupolas	Deck Repair per Sq. Ft.		Cornice Replace per Linear ft.		
Ft. Wayne Roofing:	\$74,100.	9.85		65.00		
Midland Engineering:	56,510.	4.00		195.00		
MidState Contractor:	56,114.	3.40		280.00		
Smither Roofing	67,630.	5.00		380.90		

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle Dawes

Brian Hauptert

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor