

January 11, 1999

Chairman, Brian Haupert, called the meeting to order in the courthouse at 9:00 A.M. with Les Templin absent due to a family death. Minutes of the 1/5 meeting were approved as written, moved by Darle, second by Brian, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim and Allowance Docket, and the Payroll Check Register. They reviewed the Monthly Financial Report and noted there will be an E-911 Wireless Enhanced regional meeting on 1/15/99 at the Honeywell Center, from 11:30 to 2:00 p.m. Darle moved approval of bonds for Assessor, Kelly Schenkel and Surveyor, John Stephens, second by Brian, passed and signed. Commissioners approved and signed Ordinance 1999-2, County Corrections Funds. They also heard from North Manchester's Attorney, Charles Tiede, that costs on the towns' Industrial Park expansion, are going to be about \$100,000. lower than originally anticipated. He left updated papers for Commissioner signatures when Les returns.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway: Noted the field meeting on the St. Rd. 13 S project has been reset for 1/26/99 due to inclement weather. Recommended Commissioners approve and sign a Design Study Change for U.S. 24, sent by Beam, Longest & Neff. The plan is to improve the safety of the highway's intersection with county roads, by erecting warning and STOP signs. Larry will advise them of one error, that being the surface of CR 600 E is asphalt rather than gravel. Darle moved to sign the U.S. 24 design change agreement, second by Brian, and passed. Larry said the north/south roads drifted overnight, and crews were out at 5:00 a.m. today, although they didn't work on Sunday. He said they are still pulling out people who get stuck. He's been in touch with salt and sand suppliers, but may ask them to deliver if he runs low, rather than use his equipment to haul, when it's needed more for snow clearing.

Paul Bergman, Emergency Management Director: Had samples of snow emergency procedure options with 3 levels of restrictions based on conditions. Commissioners took the matter under advisement for now. He also convinced Commissioners to take a few minutes and visit his Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and look at the vehicle that needs replaced.

Tom Mattern, Commissioner Attorney: Told Commissioners he had provided Beauchamp & McSpadden Insurance Co., information of current and potential lawsuits and TORT claims against the county or it's employees for our Public Officials Liability policy renewal with Coregis Insurance. Heard from Cincinnati Insurance that their coverage doesn't apply to the Glen Barrus suit. He's waiting for a reply from Coregis, and Sheriff Roberts should hear from his insurance carrier, also. Tom will talk with City Attorney, Robert McCallen, concerning a claim from Reynolds, Inc. for sewer relocation on the Carroll Street bridge. Our contract with the city for payment, indicates the engineer (TRIAD Associates) must approve claims before they're submitted for payment.

Martha Jones urged Commissioners to replace the courthouse minarets that were removed from the four corners of the roof in 1958 due to deterioration. She's been involved in historic preservation, including the renovation of the Wabash Carnegie Public Library, and thinks our courthouse roofline should be restored to it's original appearance because of its imposing location and high visibility from great distances. Martha says it's Eastern European in style, and she has a picture of the capital building in Helsinki, Finland that could be mistaken for our building. She asked Commissioners to spend the \$56,114., which is the contractors alternate bid to restore the minarets, while they're doing other roof repairs. Commissioners feel funds would have to come from sources other than taxes, such as grants or donations, due to the current issues of museum relocation and building renovation for the judicial system.

Dan Clark of Universal Appraisals talked with Commissioners about doing a re-appraisal of county buildings for insurance purposes. He said typically, the cost to a maximum of \$3,500. ultimately pays for itself in insurance premium savings. Personal property appraisals should be accurate for 6-7 years. He noted he has no alliance with any insurance carrier, and is to remain unbiased. He also said Sharon Thiebold is excellent with value appraisals of museum inventory, and left her number with Commissioners.

John Niederman of Pathfinders Services, and Marsha Bursey of Community Connections talked with Commissioners about the possibility of a new subdivision in the county, with homes in the \$80,000. to \$120,000. range. They have an option on 34 acres that would allow up to 140 mixed income homes. Pathfinders has a partnership with World Development that will have \$2 million available for assistance this year. In Wabash Co., a family of four with an income range of \$8,000. to \$23,000. would be eligible for assistance in buying their own home. The project wouldn't include any "group home" settings, as the state has banned development of more such homes than currently exist, for the last 10 years. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian Haupert, Chairman

Darle Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor