

April 24, 2000

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 4/17 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the Clerk's Report for March 2000. Darle reported the courthouse basement flooded 4/20 during heavy rain. The roof drain outside the east basement door was plugged, and water poured in thru the doors. Ouality Electric responded promptly, and unplugged the outside drain along with two floor drains inside. Several employees moved equipment to safety, and cleared standing water. Upon the recommendation of board president, James Garber, Les moved to re-appoint Joe Accetta to the North Manchester Public Library Board for a second four (4) year term, beginning Sept. 1, 2000, second by Darle, and passed. Learned the south clock face isn't working, along with the chimes, in the dome clock. If Bill Anderson isn't able to work on repairs, the Auditor will contact Tower Clock Co. of Ohio. Learned from Commissioner Attorney, Tom Mattern, that he has spoken with Larry Thrush, attorney for the Co. Board of Health, concerning a mortgage foreclosure lawsuit naming the Health Board and the Commissioners as co-defendants due to a judgement in favor of the Health Board last November. Mr. Thrush says the Health Board is content to take second position to the plaintiff for recovery of losses, since resolution of the raw sewage issue was the board's primary concern. That should appease the plaintiff.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Started mowing today with one tractor, and they're repairing the other one. Butler Fairman & Seufert Engineering started the bi-annual bridge inspections last week. Commissioners don't remember signing an agreement for this, and will research this. So far, five bridges need minor repairs, from drift and scour to expansion assembly repairs, along with one beaver dam relocation. Jim Hamilton, BF & S engineer, reports the structural integrity of Carroll Street bridge # 509, is deteriorating, and since construction is due to begin soon on a replacement, he recommends closing the existing structure. Les moved to close the bridge 5/1/00 at 5:00 A.M., second by Darle, and carried. Larry will take care of the closing, along with notifying the media for publication. He will also remind John Speidel, Jr. of BF& S to have INDOT add a temporary turn arrow on east bound Columbus St. for those turning north, as previously agreed. He will also ask about a bridge construction start date. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor