

August 20, 2001

Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 8/6 meeting were approved as written, moved by Brian Hauptert, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register, and reviewed the July Treasurer's report, the Benicomp insurance report for July and the Weights and Measures monthly report. They approved payment of an E-911 claim from J & K Communications for \$8,748.00, for fire department radio repeaters. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, presented copies of the Handy Andy drain agreement and the LaFontaine water tower usage agreement, both signed by LaFontaine board members. He is making progress toward filing eminent domain proceedings against property owners along Old St. Rd. 15 S between Meridian Road and CR 1000 S, who haven't granted road right-of-way to the county, so the road project may proceed. Bruce Ingraham, president of Wabash Co. Farm Bureau Credit Union, told Commissioners they're the 7th largest credit union in the state, and insured thru American Share Insurance for up to \$250,000. The county money invested in the Sweep Plus account with Farm Bureau is earning 4.4 % interest, a higher rate than they can get reinvesting it. His board may consider placing a cap on the amount that may be kept in a single account, in which case, the county would have to move some money.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: More than 85 miles of chip and seal are completed. His crews cleared some debris after last Saturday's storm. Larry has gotten prices from 3 vendors to reproduce the maps Butler, Fairman & Seufert (BFS) engineers put on CD Rom. He wants to get a price from BFS, too, before making a decision. The Surveyor's office and the Plan Commission are also wanting maps, so Commissioners may want to pay from their budget. Darle gave Larry a copy of a survey of the Dorothea Biehl property in Laketon. The unimproved street was platted at 60 feet, which comes within 6 feet of her house. Larry doesn't intend to make the street that wide when he places stone.

Judicial building: Pyramid representatives, Tanya Zoellner and Carl Denman, opened quotes due today for construction of judges and clerks benches, witness box, jury wall and bar miling. West Manchester Cabinet Co. declined to bid due to time conflicts, and B. & W Woodworking of Williamsport, In, quoted the job at \$36,800., more than the allotted \$30,000. Brian moved to take the bid under advisement, tentatively accepting the only bid, while Pyramid attempts to negotiate a lower quote with B. & W., second by Darle, and passed. Pyramid will send requests for quotes for the phone and security systems on 8/24 and furniture on 9/7, unless the department heads want to pursue furnishings on their own. Denman says getting doors ordered and installed, shouldn't hold up the project, even though our hearing for a varience on the door fire rating requirements was postponed a month, due to lack of a quorum. Tanya presented a change order request for Eclipse Masonry in the amount of \$1,016.04 to enlarge a door opening and install a metal door frame. This should be covered by the Minnick Construction bond or their retainage. Brian moved approval of the change order, second by Darle, and passed. The group reviewed pay application #15 totaling \$120,914.69, of which \$6,635.46 is retainage money. The monthly fee due Pyramid for construction administration is \$12,310., plus \$12,154.75 due for additional services. Carl explained the original agreement was to use existing plans to complete the project. They've run into a myraid of unexpected problems that have required additional work on their part. Carl says Pyramid could wait for written approval from the Commissioners before proceeding with problem resolutions, if Commissioners so desire. Tanya says that even with their extra monthly charges, the \$75,000. set aside for contingency money hasn't been touched. Brian moved approval of pay application #15, second by Darle, and passed. Pyramid reports legal counsel for M & W Construction, has directed them to make contact thru the attorney only. Since the county has a contract with M & W, they can't hire someone else to finish their work. Pyramid hopes to have negotiations resolved this week, as other jobs are on hold until M & W finishes their work. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Hauptert

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor