

September 4, 2001

Commissioner Vice Chairman, Darle Dawes, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with Les Templin on vacation. Minutes of the 8/27 meeting were approved as written, moved by Brian Hauptert, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket, the Payroll Check Register and the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. They set September 24, 2001 at 10:00 A.M. to hear a petition from Todd Rager to reopen CR 950 N from CR 200 W proceeding to Troyer Road. Mr Rager is to notify affected property owners by certified mail and advertise the hearing date, as required by statute. Janice Snyder of North Manchester told Commissioners she had an estimate of \$1,114.19, for partial repairs to her 1988 Cougar, allegedly damaged when an Emergency Management volunteer, directing traffic, did not prevent her from traveling on St. Rd. 13 N, near CR 300 N, on August 20, 2001 about 9:00 P.M., following the storm that brought down several power lines across the highway. Snyder feels the county should pay for her damages, since the county helps fund Emergency Management. Commissioners said they would have to speak with all parties involved, which include the volunteer and Paul Bergman, Emergency Management director, another motorist at the scene, Pat Hodgen, and review the Sheriff report, before making a decision on the matter, hopefully next Monday. Sheriff Captain, Barry Hicks, reports inmates repaired the jail kitchen ceiling over the weekend. It had water damage from a leaky roof, and the county food sanitarian wanted it fixed, promptly. Numerous efforts to repair the leaking roof have been unsuccessful.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: 98 miles of chip and seal are completed. Larry received a thank-you note from Linda Pyle for the county's effort and success in getting funding to place STOP signs at rural railroad crossings next year. She initially approached the county about making the crossings safer. Lisa Copeland sent a request that guardrail be added on the last curve north of CR 500 S on Bailey Road. Larry reviewed the site, and said no engineering criteria would require guardrail at the site, and doesn't think it would prevent people from going off the road. Commissioners agreed with his assessment, no guardrail will be added, now. Larry gave Commissioners options for repair of Chester bridge # 83. Camden Construction estimates \$43,285.70 for materials and labor to repair the existing structure. A new aluminum box culvert with an opening 1 ft. 3 in. larger than the existing structure, would run about \$38,128. plus installation costs around \$15,000. A steel box culvert would run about \$ 27,000. plus installation. The county doesn't have any experience with steel structures. Commissioners will weigh the alternatives before deciding. Commissioners set October 29, 2001 at 9:30 A.M. as the deadline to receive highway supply bids for 2002.

Judicial building: Michael Murphy and Tanya Zoellner with Pyramid opened the three estimates received for judge's and clerk's benches. The Woodshed, Wabash, estimates \$35,000. for the entire job or \$18,000. for one court's needs. West Manchester Cabinet Company estimates \$43,000. (includes sales tax that could be deducted) for the needs of one court. B & G Woodworking estimates \$20,200. for one court or \$38,600. for both courts. Brian moved to accept the Woodshed quote of \$35,000. for both courts, second by Darle, and passed. Murphy will talk with Ron Moore of the Woodshed, to make sure he understands the completion deadline. Murphy met with Cinergy about lighting options for the parking lot. The cobra head lights are more functional, while the ornamental fixtures are more aesthetically pleasing and expensive. Brian suggests a combination of the two might work. Pyramid will have cost estimates from Cinergy in about a week. Commissioners signed a contract with Architectural Brick and Tile Co. for exterior granite material. This completes the terms of the contract with Minnick Construction. Brian moved to extend the contract with Pyramid thru September and October at \$12,310. per month. Pyramid decided due to increasing costs on this project, they won't charge the county for any more of their architectural expertise. Tanya presented a change order (C/O) for Liniger Co., Inc. in the amount of \$16,144. Brian moved to approve the C/O for installation of underground fire protection supply and valve and meter vault for the sprinkler system, second by Darle, and passed. Murphy reports M & W Construction didn't meet the 8/30 deadline to supply a new bond, however, according to contract terms, M & W cannot terminate their contract with the county as indicated in a letter from their attorney. Brian is checking about the possibility of a conflict of interest for the law firm representing M & W on this matter. Murphy is negotiating with three contractors to complete the M & W work, and hopefully their cost will fall within the budget. If not, M & W is liable for additional costs, and there is retainage money being held by the county. Murphy is talking with two door suppliers, so the county could purchase directly rather than getting a sub contractor mark-up. If the fire door rating variance request is approved tomorrow, as anticipated, that will decrease the door cost even more. Tanya told Commissioners to plan on a change order for Quality Electric in the vicinity of \$4,000., although it's being negotiated. Commissioners need to decide what they want on the 36" by 24" dedication plaque that will be in the judicial building lobby. Murphy introduced Brian Moench a civil engineer with Moench Engineering. Pyramid asked him to review the surface water drainage plan for the complex, and Moench says there's room for improvement, although the plan isn't all bad. The planned 4 inch drain to the south won't be adequate, so there will be ponding in the lower parking level. He suggests directing the water to an area between the upper and lower parking areas to the west, then draining it to the west over the rip rap, which acts as a good water diffuser. Commissioners asked for a cost estimate before they consider changes. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Hauptert

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Carol Stefanatos, Secretary