

November 5, 2001

At 8:00 A.M. in the jury room, Commissioners, County Council members; Paul Sites, Gary Nose, Joann Rauh, Richard Pepple and Leon Ridenour, Judges Michael Sposeep and Dan Vanderpool and Co. Clerk Joann Hettmansperger and Sue Baker met with Pyramid Architecture representatives; Terry Burnworth, Don Fleck, Mike Murphy, Tanya Zoellner and Jeff Stinson for a construction close-out meeting on the judicial building. Murphy says tile should be installed this week and carpeting next week. Parking lot excavation should start this week. The entry patio should be poured and the entry columns covered in the next two weeks. The judges' benches will be installed 12/2, with the courtroom seating to follow. Window coverings will be installed in early December. Painting should be done by 11/9, with stone and granite work done by 11/16, when the heating and cooling (HVAC) system will be activated. By 11/30 the exterior will be completed, doors and hardware will be installed and the elevators will be operational. Moving is planned for Dec. 12-14, with a phone system training session set for 12/14. The annex will be open to the public on 12/17, with a dedication and open house set for 12/21. Burnworth says the HVAC system always has the most complaints. It's either too hot, too cold or the air is stale. Tanya says there's \$10,000. budgeted for moving, and the group discussed hiring a mover, which is a warranty against damage, versus using jail trustees, but made no decision today. Commissioners asked the departments to provide a list of items they're moving from the courthouse to the judicial building, by Thanksgiving. The various contractors are supposed to clean their areas, as per their contracts, so the building should be clean, except Terry suggests waxing floors with 2-3 coats before moving. In answer to the judges' questions, the jury seating is 22 inch wide theater type padded chairs with arm rests, and Pyramid will look at the paint color on the second floor, as the judges feel it's too pink.

Commissioner Chairman, Les Templin, called the Commissioner meeting to order at 9:30 in the Auditor's office. Minutes of the 10/29 meeting were approved as written, moved by Brian Hauptert, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Accounts Payable Voucher Register and reviewed the October Financial Report and the Jail/Memorial Hall custodian hours. Les signed the five year lease agreement with Verizon for a phone system and computer cable work. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, asked that at least one Commissioner attend the eminent domain hearings on 12/3/01 at 2:00 and 3:00 P.M. in Circuit Court. They may need to testify. Lori Miller and Jean Hoover with The Work Place at Wabash Co. Hospital, urged Commissioners to sign on to their program for work related injuries. County employees would exclusively use The Work Place and/or the Co. hospital emergency room for treatment of work related injuries, rather than visiting their personal physician or other medical facility. Employees should be told their costs won't be covered by insurance if they go elsewhere for treatment of work injuries. The Work Place offers a 40% discount to members for some services, supplies and radiological procedures, along with group billing. The Work Place also does physicals and drug testing. Commissioners agreed to include all county employees in the program, hoping it will ease the cost of workman's comp insurance and keep our carrier better informed of work related injuries. Sheriff Tim Roberts reports there's an ongoing problem with radio connections among county fire units. Tim has investigated, and it appears when fireman are in town, they get tone, but no voice, on their pagers. This can be fixed with at \$2250. recorder/repeater system that will record the original dispatch and send the message from both the north and south towers. Brian moved to support the plan to ask Co. Council for an appropriation from 911 funds for this project, second by Darle, and passed. Tim says there are 83 in jail this morning. County Health officer, Dr. William Dannacher, asked Commissioners to support a transfer of funds within the Health Dept. budget, for some remodeling of their work space. They would spend about \$300. to partition an area south of the east entrance for Marilyn Simpson, the food sanitarian, and cut an opening in the wall between Marilyn's current work space and the vital records office. Marilyn's current area will be used for genealogy researchers, and the wall opening will allow the records office to keep an eye on them. After Dr. Dannacher provided a sketch of the plan, Darle moved to approve the project as long as there are sufficient funds to transfer, second by Brian, and passed.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept: Larry says the highway bids look okay and Tom Mattern will check them for compliance. Brian moved to accept all bids contingent on Tom's review, second by Darle, and passed. Larry says due to a projected salt shortage, the salt companies won't allow counties to piggyback their contract with the state for next year. Brian moved to approve a petition from REMC to lay cable under Troyer Road to the Amos Haywood property, along with waiving the fee to bore under the road, second by Darle, and passed. Beginning at CR 250 W, they plan to bore east toward CR 200 W, for about 325 ft., then trench a 6 inch area for 283 feet. Commissioners signed the request, noting at this time the road is opened, but they gave no guarantee there wouldn't be any future litigation on this matter. They will ask the Co. Surveyor to stake the road and right-of-way. Larry reports there's a broken field tile where a side ditch would be, if it existed, on CR 200 W about 1/2 mile north of St. Rd. 114. Since there's no ditch, water runs down the road, but if Larry puts in a side ditch, it will go thru two front lawns. Darle will look at the area before anything is done. A water problem on CR 100 S between 5385 W and 5420 W, will be referred to the drainage board. A certified letter claims a hole in the road was patched several years ago, then the road has been chip and sealed several times. This has blocked a drainage tile running under the road, and the owners would like it fixed. Larry says water runs thru the tile, but it hasn't worked right for at least 7 years. Brian moved to approve a road cut request from ASCS to bring water to the Scott Dawes farm at 1779 W 400 N, along with a \$100. fee for the cut, second by Darle and passed. Troy Eads is doing the work. With no further business, they adjourned.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Hauptert

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor