

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. in the Circuit Court room of the Courthouse. With all members present, Les Templin moved to approve the 2/11 minutes, second by Brian, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. Commissioners reviewed the Treasurer February Report. County Assessor, Kelly Schenkel, reports Manatron has sent a contract for converting from the R base server to the SQL system for reassessment. They can't do land values without the new system. The fee of \$13,143., includes \$3,000. for 5 days of training, but they may not need 5 days. She will have Manatron correct the contract before getting it signed, because \$2,143. of the total charge is for software she already has. Commissioners told Co. Nurse, Jane Skeans, they are aware they are responsible for providing emergency funds in a disaster situation. Tom Scheffer with Havel Brothers, offered a labor ( preferred customer at \$59. per hour) and materials contract for ongoing work at the jail. Tom will meet with Commissioners again to update on what's completed and what remains to be done. Commissioners noted there have been several companies working on the jail over the years, each with a different plan. Mike Murphy, with Pyramid Architects, presented a contract between the county and Pyramid for architectural investigation services of the jail foundation and support columns for the outdoor recreation area. Les moved to sign the contract totaling \$3,000.00, second by Darle, and passed. Mike also submitted a letter of substantial completion on the jail work.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: In 2000, his department advertised to sell the roller that's never used, and got no response. It would take a great deal of time and money to fix it up. A salvage company would pay \$50. and haul it away, or it could be sold for scrap at \$10. per ton. It weighs about 50 tons. Commissioners said either method was okay. Larry had a petition from Sandy Beach Estates residents for a SLOW Children at Play sign on Pleasant View Drive. Larry says there's a posted 30 mph speed zone, and the area is at the south end of the development where a day care center is located. Les moved to have a warning sign posted, second by Darle, and passed. Regarding CR 1450 N identification, highway employee, Larry Stouffer, suggested a crossroads indication sign prior to the intersection, with arrows distinguishing CR 1450 and 1425. These information signs appear along new U.S. 24 east, about 1/2 mile prior to each county crossroad. Larry Rice will talk with the state highway department, since signs would be on St. Rd. 13. Darle asked Larry to check the Phillip Schlemmer property on Old St. Rd. 15 N, and suggest a remedy for recurring gravel in his yard.

CR 950 N petition decision: Brian said he found the road on both the 1886 and 1910 surveyor maps of the county. It's also listed on randomly checked Wabash County Road Inventory lists including 1961, 1978 and 1991. Abstracts of the Rager and Shankster properties didn't mention any road, but according to Co. Surveyor, John Stephens, they usually don't mention roads. Les noted the Commissioners don't have authority to decide property rights, and that county roads don't need to be improved to be considered a road. Les spoke with various people who remember the road, and say the present location is the same. He also noted Judge Sposeep found probable cause to issue a restraining order allowing Rager access. Les said this is a difficult decision that must be ruled by facts and not emotion. Les moved to deny the Celia Shankster petition to close part of CR 950 N with two stipulations: (1) if the parties involved, or their successors, show Commissioners there is no longer a need for a road, they may petition to close it; or (2) if a court hands down a decision involving the road, Commissioners would obey the order. Brian second the motion, and it passed with Darle voting nay. Darle noted he voted to close the road 10 years ago, and although some mistakes were made at the time, he still thinks the road should be closed. In a related matter, Commissioners approved a Verizon request to bury cable in the right-of-way of CR 250 W, to the Bill Haywood property.

Judicial Building: Courts and Clerk offices moved into the building the week of February 11th, opening to the public on February 19th, 2002. Mike Murphy with Pyramid, reports Kellam Inc. has been advised to bring some areas of the concrete flooring up to specifications and K & M Flooring is to redo the tiles with both parties sharing the expense. Mike has asked Quality Electric to provide a quote for sound amplification in the courtrooms, at the judge's request. Mike checked, and he can't get the hallway benches delivered ahead of schedule. There's money left in the Premier Commercial Services contract, and Mike suggests using it to finish the baseboards with wood rather than vinyl. Commissioners noted that paint splatters need cleaned from the doors and windows, along with overspray and debris around the window. Murphy says the former architect ordered the windows installed at an inappropriate time, and not all debris can be removed. Darle says the blind mechanism is too high for convenient adjustment of the blinds. Commissioners said they would like Jeff Stinson to stay on sight thru this week. Mike presented pay application 21 totaling \$209,272.64, and Les moved to approve as presented, second by Darle, and passed. Mike presented 6 change orders (C/O) for Premier Commercial Services totaling \$22,254.55, covering installation of (1) columns, (2) block to hang lights in attic, (3) a base not shown on prints, (4) glass for Dane Architectural and for providing dumpsters for the job site and temporary heat to install and finish drywall. Two C/O's for Tag Coatings totaling \$5,209.04 for paint around doorways due to incorrect framing and additional drywall and to stain 33 doors at owner request. Central Indiana Hardware had a C/O for \$454. for 4 additional hollow metal frames. Mike said all C/O's were budgeted for the project, and Les moved to approve them, second by Darle, and passed. Les moved to approve a proposal from Kellam Contracting to work on the handicapped entrance on the west side of Memorial Hall at a cost of \$1950.00, second by Darle, and passed. The Auditor reports receipt of a \$1648. check from Cinergy/PSI for the use of energy saving lighting in the judicial building. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor