

March 25, 2002

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order with all members present. Minutes of the 3/18 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the Weights and Measures Feb. report and the custodian hours. They reviewed a report from MJV Group of 85 additional cleaning hours (over contracted hours) at the Judicial Center, due to ongoing construction. This cost will be passed on to contractors. Commissioners learned Jack Francis would like to buy the old Treasurer's office safe, and he would pay for any moving damages. Jaynelle Burke with WTH Engineering presented proposals for GIS services for the E-911 system at \$5,000. and \$225,100. for public safety, infrastructure and land use GIS capabilities. Commissioners took the proposals under advisement. They advised some hospital employees, who spoke with them, they would make an appointment to the hospital board, once three candidates have been presented for their consideration. After discussing proposals for the Mississinewa Recreational Road project with Co. Highway supervisor, Larry Rice, Les moved to select Butler, Fairman & Seufert Engineering (BF&S) for the design engineers on the project, second by Darle, and passed. BF&S has the lowest overhead rate and they have done a Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) project in the past. John Speidel, Jr., with BF&S, reminded the group this project could become a casualty of the governor's proposed cut in DNR funding. If it survives, the county may be asked to do the right-of-way (R/W) acquisition.

Medical Insurance: After learning from employee representatives that more than half of covered employees would like to add the \$150. per year wellness benefit along with the \$15.00 per visit Dr. co-pay and the 20% prescription card to our current coverage, Les moved to accept the Benicomp renewal package adding the three benefits while increasing the specific deductible to \$15,000. and lowering the aggregate deductible to \$25,000.00, second by Darle, and passed.

Old Rd. 15 S: Commissioners feel appraisers were charged by the judge to find the fair market value of property, rather than road R/W value, specifically. Jim Hamilton with BF&S, says Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, could well defend the county in a challenge of the completed appraisals. BF&S has a list of experienced R/W appraisers who could review the reports and be called as witnesses. Hamilton also shared copies of the federal and In Dept. of Transportation (INDOT) guidelines for appraising road R/W. John Speidel says the procedure was incorrect, and the county would have INDOT support. Since Commissioners feel they need to consider the majority of property owners who have donated ground or accepted the offered payment, Les moved to challenge the appraisal report, second by Darle, and passed. Mr. Mattern will file the challenge notice prior to the March 28th response deadline. Challenging will mean a jury trial. The county has spent about \$78,147. of the appropriated \$1,650,000. for this federal project. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor