

April 1, 2000

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 3/25 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket, the Payroll Check Register and the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. After Review, Les moved to approve the Notice of Voting Places for May 2002, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners reviewed several letters concerning the hospital controversy, and spoke with one concerned resident who attended their meeting. Darle felt a board appointment should be made today, but the Auditor learned the hospital board president, directed two members to present a list of three candidates at the board's April meeting. By statute the term of the expired member is automatically renewed if someone isn't appointed within 60 days of the expiration date, in this case, March 31st. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern said he filed an exception to the appraisals on the Old 15 S court case, and says he doesn't know what the court response will be. He said Commissioners should proceed with getting opinions from experienced right-of-way appraisers.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry and Phil Amones have looked at the unimproved alley in Laketon adjacent to the Jim Burdett property. Larry says adding stone to the back lot wouldn't be a problem, but opening the entire alley would be difficult, as a garage sits close to the alley on the other end. He said Commissioners should look at the road Otto Wolfe would like closed, or the ground purchased by the county. Larry says the county did some maintenance prior to 1995, but none since then. Larry says authorities have been notified of restricted traffic around bridge # 13 carrying Mississinewa Road over the Mississinewa River. A required review is being done. Larry says mail boxes were knocked down during snow clearing last week. None were hit, and Larry suggested adding a regulation that mail box posts must be located at least 3 feet off the road, and property owners responsible for clearing snow from the mail box area. This would make snow clearing safer and the county less liable for mail box damage. Larry says Hank's Construction is ready to remove the tree at Squirrel Creek, and he has instructed Hank to schedule the date with John Stephens, the Co. Surveyor. Larry has four petitions for roads to have double chip and seal. Two are from last year, (1) Ijamsville Streets and (2) CR 750 W, south of CR 1400 N, a dead end road. Ijamsville roads are now 12 feet wide, have no drainage and cover about 2,000 feet. They would need considerable preparation, and Larry suggests if Commissioners approve the petition, that work not be planned for this summer. On CR 750 W, all but two property owners signed the petition. The recent petitions are for (1) CR 530 W, a dead-end road about 1/2 mile long, involving only the Thrush/Keffaber farms, and (2) CR 600 E between CR 900 N and CR 1000 N, a one mile stretch of road, a request supported by all property owners. Commissioners will look at all the roads. Todd Rager told Commissioners he has concerns about being liable for the bridge on CR 950 N that accesses his farm ground. Darle and Brian think the county is responsible for both the road and bridge at this time. They want a turn around located on the north side of the bridge, and Rager agreed to provide the needed ground. Mr. Mattern says a survey will be needed to provide a legal description of the ground Rager will deed to the county. The unimproved road has been staked on the north side, but Larry can't improve it until Commissioners set the road width. There's not room for a 40 foot road, as per county specifications, but 30 feet would work, and there are many 30 foot roads throughout the county. Les moved to make CR 950 N a 30 foot wide road, second by Darle, and passed. Les moved to improve CR 950 N, second by Darle, and passed. Larry will level a hill first, and get a revised look at the area before improving the road. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos