

September 23, 2002

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 9/16 meeting were approved as written, moved by Darle Dawes, second by Lester Templin, and passed with Brian abstaining. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. They reviewed the Treasurer's August Report and the Weights and Measures Monthly Report. Commissioners will set a meeting with Havel Brothers representatives to discuss proposed work at the jail amounting to \$21,000. They learned the Dept. of Natural Resources has received an application from the Roann - Paw Paw Township Public Library to be considered for the National Register of Historic Places. They noted receipt of a fully executed copy of the Counter Terrorism Response Safety Equipment Program Acceptance Agreement. Phillip Van Baalen, Weights and Measures director for Wabash and Miami Counties, received approval from Miami Co. Commissioners to sell a 10 year old 30 pound weight kit, consisting of round weights. Miami Co. has a new kit and the Wabash Co. kit is an old square weight set. It's available for \$350., half the cost of a new set, and would be a good investment for the county. Les moved approval for Phil to use \$350. from his supplies account to buy the weight kit from Miami Co., second by Darle, and passed. Commissioner Attorney, Tom Mattern, reports he reviewed the proposed contract between the county and the Town of No. Manchester for ambulance service. The county will be a financial source only, giving management control to No. Manchester. For a six year period beginning in 2002, it allows for equal monthly payments toward an annual total of \$127,500. in 2002, with cost of living increases in the remaining years. Les moved to sign the contract, second by Darle, and passed.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Les asked Larry to contact A & A Cleaners about painting the Roann Covered Bridge, before Commissioners make a decision. Les understands they have the needed equipment to do the job. Larry will request an additional appropriation from the Cumulative Bridge fund at the 10/28 Co. Council meeting, to cover part of the cost. John Forrester on CR 700 E, off CR 50 S, has gotten estimates from Gaunt & Son to pave about 2/10 mile of the gravel road. Darle suggests the county widen the road as it doesn't meet specifications for acceptance as a county road, before Forrester paves it. Larry will talk with Forrester. Larry says two SPRINT requests to bury cable look okay, so Commissioners sighed both. One is on CR 600 E, 1000' south of St. Rd. 218, then south for 1900', and the other is on CR 200 N, beginning at CR 600 W, then west for 3286'. SPRINT will bore under a culvert on the second request. Larry has both road graders down halting their berm and side ditch work. They've been waiting for parts for the 1970 Caterpillar mechanical grader and the 1979 Champion hydraulic unit is in Ft. Wayne for repair. Graders are used to ditch and berm, widen roads, clear snow and recycle roads. Larry estimates \$ 150,000. to \$160,000. for a new grader, with trade value of 10,000. to 20,000. for the 1970 unit. Les moved support of Larry requesting an additional appropriation to buy a new grader, second by Darle, and passed. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST:

Carol Stefanatos, Auditor