

November 4, 2002

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 10/28 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. They reviewed the October Financial Report. Les moved to accept a request from employee Sue Karen Decker, for a Family Medical Leave (FMLA), beginning 11/18/02 and continuing thru 02/18/03, second by Darle, and passed. Decker had requested a leave from 11/30/02 thru 02/28/02, but federal policy dictates the leave must begin within three months of the last day of active work, in Karen's case 08/16/02. Under the FMLA, an employer is obligated to continue insurance coverage as it has been providing, for the duration of the leave. The employee would be responsible for their share. Commissioner Attorney, Tom Mattern, notes the county or Commissioners weren't named in a recent suit filed against the Sheriff Department and Sheriff's Merit Board. Todd Wheatley is asking for back wages and punitive damages. Tom says Circuit Court Judge, Rex Reed, has declined to hear the eminent domain case for Old Rd. 15 S.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry says work is progressing on the CR 100 S water problem. He says a SPRINT request to bury new cable along CR 800 s from CR 200 E, east for 1930 feet, looks okay. Commissioners signed the request. Commissioners agreed Larry may request an additional appropriation for his liability insurance line item. He will request \$ 9,467. to balance the account at - 0 - . Larry never knows what to anticipate for this account, and the bill comes in July after his budget request has been submitted. Commissioners signed Appraisal Reports and Statements of the Basis for Just Compensation on the Old Rd. 15 S project. Parcels included were: Curless Farms, Inc., Larry D. Curless, George P. Schneider II, Mary J. Rauh, Leonard Drook, Sandra Everest Trustee, Ronald Hensley, Richard Allen, Daniel Engle, Richard Ross and John Gouveia.

Highway Grader Bids: At 9:30, Les moved to close the bid period for a grader, second by Darle, and passed. Holt Equipment Co. of Fishers, IN bid \$140,250. for a 2003 John Deere, Series 672, less \$9,500. trade in. Rudd Equipment Co. of Louisville, KY, bid \$189,000. for a Volvo G727D, less trade of \$5,000.00. McAllister Machinery, Ft. Wayne, bid \$177,115. for a 2003 Caterpillar, less trade of \$8,500. Les moved to take all bids under advisement, second by Darle, and passed. With no further business they adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST:

Carol Stefanatos, Auditor