

November 18, 2002

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 11/12 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 for election workers. They reviewed the Benicomp insurance report for October. Upon the recommendation of Convention and Visitors Bureau director, Trula Frank, Darle moved to re-appoint Todd Richards, representing the No. Manchester area and David Ericsson, representing the hotel/motel industry, to the Tourism Commission for two year terms ending 12/31/04, second by Les, and passed. Commissioners will have the gas meter for Memorial Hall removed as it's no longer needed. Darle will talk to Quality Electric about heat for the Health department office, it's only 62 degrees today. Darle will also advise Quality Electric Commissioners want the new heat system taken to all three floors of Memorial Hall. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, presented Ordinance 2002-VII, which sets a temporary weight limit of 5 tons on Noble Township Bridge # 34, located on CR 100 S between CR 600 W and CR 700 W. The weight limit will be effective until the bridge is replaced, and Commissioners rescind the ordinance. Larry Rice has asked two companies to prepare estimates.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry says he and Mr. Mattern, have reviewed the supply bids, and all look okay. Tom noted some quotes included bonds while some sent checks. Les moved to accept all bids for highway supplies for 2003, second by Darle, and passed. Larry reports United Consulting Engineering have been sent written authorization to proceed with rehabilitation of Co. bridge # 208. Van Hauptert has asked approval to widen the intersection of CR 1100 N and CR 175 E for truck travel, about once a week. Hauptert would do the work and cover the costs. He would extend a culvert on the south east corner of the intersection, thru a field entrance belonging to John Hartsough (Creekside Farms), fill in the side ditch and finish with stone. Mr. Hartsough is agreeable. Commissioners agree to the plans, and asked Larry to recommend the materials to be used. Don McNabney, 2/10 mile south of CR 800 N on the Laketon Road, asked for a "blind drive" sign placed near his driveway. His neighbors have complained of speeding cars in the past. Commissioners and Larry agree increased speed limit enforcement is the answer, as warning signs may indicate a known liability. They will ask the Sheriff's department to increase surveillance. Larry will ask Surveyor, John Stephens, to look into clearing debris from the creek just beyond the wooden bridge on CR 1300 N, east of CR 400 E, so water would run off better. Larry Thrush, representing Thrush/Keffaber Farms, asked for a variance to leave the road width at 16 ft. on CR 530 W. A gravel road approved for paving earlier this year, Larry Rice thinks it would be okay to leave it at 16 feet. There's an area for his trucks to turn around, and utility poles wouldn't have to be moved. Darle moved to approve a variance, allowing CR 530 W to remain a minimum of 16 ft. wide, second by Les, and passed.

Tim Roberts, Sheriff: Tim is tracking the source of a water leak in the jail, it may be a shower in one of the cells. He has been notified his department, along with all government entities who buy fuel, must begin paying state sales tax for gasoline, due to a change in the law. He may file for reimbursement, but it will mean more paperwork. He updated Commissioners on laws pertaining to railroad crossings.

Judicial Center: Melissa Burnworth, with Pyramid Architects, presented pay application # 28. Les was opposed to paying Banner Glass the balance of their retainage, as they have not cleaned the inside glass on the east wall. Melissa will negotiate with Banner, and put the final payment on hold. The new balance of pay # 28 would be \$62,220.00, of which \$47,633.00 is escrow funds. Melissa also had two change orders, one a decrease of \$2,639.00 for Banner Glass, as some of their work was done by another contractor. The second one, is an increase of \$587.00 for Quality Electric to install gooseneck faucets in two jury rooms, and a sink in the break room. Les moved to approve the amended pay application totaling \$62,220. and the two change orders, second by Darle, and passed.

1:30 P.M. hearing to close the Ruth Street railroad crossing in Urbana: Robert Beck was present, representing Cyclone Manufacturing, who supports closing the crossing. There were no dissenters present. The hearing had been advertised as required, and adjacent property owners had been notified by certified mail. Les moved to close the Ruth Street railroad crossing, asking the railroad to leave the area in an aesthetically appealing condition, second by Darle, and passed. With no further business, they adjourned.

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Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor