

November 25, 2002

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 11/18 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the Treasurer's Report for October and the Jail/Judicial Center custodian hours. They reviewed the proposed holiday schedule for 2003, and Darle moved to approve 16 holidays for County employees, second by Les, and passed. After review, Les moved to deny a Circuit Court claim for purchase of a calendar, card holder and nativity set, totaling \$48.97, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners asked the Auditor to remind departments of the need for Commissioner approval of expenses that will exceed \$100.00. Benicomp insurance representatives told Commissioners our medical program is going well. Outlay is about \$132,000. below the calculated amount. They won't have firm renewal figures until 30 days prior to renewal time. Commissioners signed an agreement between the county and Purdue University for the county share of wages and benefits for two extension educators, totaling \$32,940. for 2003.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry says Noble Twp. bridge # 34 on CR 100 S, has been patched, and he has one quote to repair it. He talked with Commissioners about a petition last spring from Kent French, requesting chip and seal on CR 750 N. The one mile section ends with a cul-de-sac, isn't quite on the section line and oak trees are abundant on the Cloyd property. Four of the seven adjacent property owners live on the gravel road, and all but two owners have signed the petition. Larry will talk with the hold-outs, in an effort to get their signatures. If successful, Larry will proceed with straightening the road as much as possible, widening to 16 feet where possible with as little damage as possible. Larry has two quotes for concrete work on the highway barn, and expects another. He thinks the wall looks like it's getting worse. Jean Snapp, Richvalley, asked the county to maintain and plow McClellan Street where it dead-ends beside her home. Her husband is no longer able to care for it. Larry will check the stone condition before Commissioners decide what the surface should be, and he doesn't think plowing will be a problem, although he'll check that, too.

Old St. Rd. 15 S: John Speidel, Jr., with Butler, Fairman & Seufert says the supplemental agreement asking for an additional \$5,424. for Right-of-way Management Services, is necessary because of design changes and property splits. Of 25 involved parcels, 5 are secured, 9 are in process, and 11 needed revisions. The 11 revisions are the cause of the fee increase. John agreed that the original contracted amount of not to exceed \$45,568. was thought to be more than enough for phase two of this project. John says plans are done, the project just waits on right-of-way settlement. Les moved to request an additional appropriation of \$5,424. to cover the amended agreement, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners signed the amendment along with a Basis of Just Compensation form for parcel 119 in the project. With no further business, they adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor