

December 16, 2002

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 12/9 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim and Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. They reviewed the November Financial Report and a fiscal year-end report of the Solid Waste District's Education Partners program. Darle moved to re-appoint Lowell Rosen to the Plan Commission Board for a four year term beginning 1/1/03, second by Les, and passed. After review of a proposal from Haywood Printing Co. to extend the bid prices for classes 1, 1B, 2C and 4 of printed materials thru 2003, Les moved to accept the offer, second by Darle, and passed. Les moved to transfer \$ 14,514.86 from the building loan fund to pay claims on the Judicial building project, second by Darle, and passed. Les moved to sign a contract with Accurate Assessments, Inc. of Ft. Wayne, for assessment of new property improvements, as part of the reassessment project, second by Darle, and passed. The contract is for \$15,000.00, or \$30.00 per parcel, anticipated not to exceed 500 parcels. The work should be done by July 2003, and funds will be appropriated from the Cumulative Reappraisal account. They reviewed a letter from Governor O' Bannon about the stepped-up schedule of pre-event vaccination of medical personnel for smallpox, which will begin in early 2003. Funding for additional costs will come from federal grants to Indiana for bioterrorism preparedness, while the vaccine is provided by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, has learned the judge has qualified for only one of the two cases pertaining to right-of-way acquisition along Old Rd. 15 S. He will learn whether or not it's an oversight. Beth Miller, Jason Hesting and Helen Chambers, representing Working Against Substance Abuse (WASA), presented their grant requests for 2003. The funds which total \$32,342.00, come from court ordered fees applied by the judges, and Beth noted our judges don't apply the fees as often as they could. A primary goal of the project is to teach youth they can have fun without using drugs and alcohol. Beth says they strive to gather statistics of the program's success rate. This year's program participants include: the Family Service Society, the Youth Service Bureau, all four county high schools the Bowen Center and the North Manchester Police. Les moved to support the program, which gets final approval from the Co. Council, second by Darle, and passed.

Phil Amones, Co. Highway Dept. foreman: The aluminum box culvert is here for Noble Twp. bridge # 34, and Hank's Construction estimated \$12,800. for installation, while Troy Eads Excavating, Inc. quoted \$9,000. for installation. Les moved to accept the Eads quote of \$9,000., second by Darle, and passed.

County Health Department: County Health Officer, William Dannacher MD, and Board of Health president, Jeffrey Pyle DVM, talked with Commissioners about hiring a replacement for Food Sanitarian, Marilyn Simpson, who retires at year's end. Dannacher praised the work done by Marilyn during her ten year stint, indicating the IN State Dept. of Health (ISDH), ranks her work in the top 10% of food sanitarians throughout the state. The job has become more complex over the years, and good retail food inspections are appreciated by citizens who eat at public facilities. According to Dannacher, ISDH guidelines distinguish between full time and part time Health officers, like himself. He says the Health department staff is under the direct supervision of the ISDH, looking to them, rather than him, for answers when the Health Officer is part time. Given his interpretation of his supervisory responsibilities, Dannacher recommends Lynn Dannacher be hired to fill the food sanitarian position. She has trained under Marilyn for several weeks, without pay, has 25 years experience in retail food service, and is qualified for the job. The four responses to his advertisement did not meet minimal requirements for the position. Les noted concern that, based on Dr. Dannacher's interpretation of his job, local health department employees have no local supervision. Dannacher says he deals with problems as he becomes aware of them. Brian and Darle think they need to abide with written county policy that prohibits hiring relatives under direct supervision of the department head. They have no problem with Lynn having the job, if she meets qualifications, but think Dr. Dannacher would need to resign his position first, before she was hired. In another matter, Dannacher responded to concerns about delays in issuing death certificates, saying he had instituted more stringent requirements recommended by the state. As it has been most unpopular with morticians and doctors, he has notified the state he's going back to the old stipulations. Doctors and Coroners are the liable parties who sign death certificates, and Dannacher has had concerns with generalities of some " cause of death" reports. He doesn't think nearly enough autopsies are being requested, although he knows the cost has increased. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor