

February 10, 2003

Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 2/3 meeting were approved as written, moved by Darle Dawes, second by Brian Hauptert, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. They reviewed the January Financial Report and the Jail/Judicial complex custodian hours. Brian moved to certify the action of the Local Health Board in appointing J. Dean Gifford as the local Health Officer thru 1/26/07, second by Darle, and passed. Lester signed the appointment form that goes to the state. After review of a letter from Chief Probation officer, Dallas Duggan, explaining their uses of the Plain Dealer in monitoring those on probation. Commissioners approved the subscription claim. Les asked Indiana American Water Corp. representatives to test the water at the Probation office, and will decide about paying the bottled water claim, after they get the report. In response to a gas odor in the Probation office last week, NIPSCO shut off the gas, and discovered a carbon dioxide leak. Quality Electric fixed both problems. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, reports he has filed a motion to consolidate the two cases on the Old Rd. 15 S eminent domain suit, into one case, and proceed with setting a trial date. He also heard from the Sheriff's department legal representative in the Todd Wheatley suit. The attorney feels it's a weak case, with statute of limitation issues. Sheriff, Leroy Striker, asked Commissioners' support of his plan to pay the debt to Havel Brothers, Ft. Wayne, using County Corrections funds. He learned we have a credit with Havel Brothers, so the total owed is \$7,850.68 rather than \$11,500.00, which was the balance due on the settlement proposed by Havel Brothers last December and accepted by Commissioners. The board agrees Striker should ask Co. Council for the appropriation and get the account settled. Carrie Rees and Skip Daughtry with Beauchamp and McSpadden Insurance introduced Denny Wright with D. Edward Wright, Inc. a third party administrator. Mr. Wright discussed compliance changes, new requirements affecting the insurance industry, and his company's preparedness for the future. Wright would be glad to help the county with medical insurance coverage.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry presented the department's annual report for Commissioner signatures, before it goes to the state. He also got signatures on his specifications for a truck and equipment to be bid 3\10\03. A truck bought last year will be delivered today. Larry has written notification that his diesel fuel tank is compliant with current standards, following an inspection and update. Commissioners ask Larry to arrange for Chuck Cable to attend a future meeting to discuss the sign he made for the highway department. They discussed a Wabash Valley Power proposal to place new lines on CR 300 N, between St. Rd. 13 N and CR 500 E. There's a consent and license agreement for Commissioner signatures, and Mr. Mattern says the county wouldn't be held liable due to the wording of the liability clause, but he did question the meaning of "abutting" as it's used in the contract. Commissioners didn't sign the agreement today. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Hauptert

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor