Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 3/24 meeting were approved as written, moved by Brian Haupert, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the Treasurer's February report and the Jail/Judicial Center custodian hours. They learned Abell Elevator has forwarded a copy of their Judicial Center elevator inspection to the state, as required. Brian moved to approve the Notice of Voting Places for the May 6, 2003 primary election, second by Darle, and passed. All locations are handicapped accessible, and Noble 1 precinct has moved to the South Side fire station, while Noble 4 will stay in a Middle School classroom rather than return to the High School gym. Commissioners told Health department employees heating units and ductwork for the Memorial Hall HVAC will be exposed on all three floors. Employees fear it will be aesthetically unappealing. Emergency Management director, Bob Brown, presented a proposed contract with PDK Enterprises (Paul Bergman) for help with completing the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. For its services, PDK would receive \$13,000. of a \$16,188. grant to facilitate completion of the plan and submission to the state. Bob would receive the balance for his work. Other quotes received ask for the entire grant for their services. Commissioners want their attorney to review the contract before they accept the terms.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry introduced Michael Kiester with Gove & Associates who showed preliminary plans for work to improve water distribution for the Town of Lagro. They will run a new line south along CR 300 E, beginning at its intersection with new U.S. 24, then hook into the existing line along Old Rd. 24 at Lagro. They will bore along the backside of the right-of-way line whenever possible, staying away from the road. The contractor would be responsible for repairing any damage to the county road or surrounding area. Brian moved approval for Lagro to proceed with the project, second by Darle, and passed. Larry says Noble #34 box culvert on CR 100 S will be replaced beginning 4/2/03, and the road will be closed for a minimum of two days. He will notify the media. Larry says NoManCo has a used 14,000 pound trailer they will sell for \$2600. and trade in of his 6 year old 10,000 pound trailer. He uses the trailers for hauling equipment, and Larry is going to give the trailer a test. He has budgeted funds to buy it. Brian moved to approve the purchase, if Larry is satisfied after the test, second by Darle, and passed. Brian moved to offer Charles Cable \$500. for the sign he made for the highway department, second by Darle, and passed. Cable built the sign without being asked to do so, and asked for \$1,000. in payment.

Memorial Hall HVAC bids. At 10:00 A.M., Brian moved to close the bids, second by Darle, and passed. Quality Electric was the only bidder, with a base bid A of \$109,000.00, with a deduction of \$24,500. for alternate # 1 and a deduction of \$27,000. for alternate # 2. This bid covers materials, installation and labor. Base bid B, for labor and installation only, is \$96,000.00 with alternate # 1 deduction at 4,000. and alternate # 2 deduction at \$4,400.00. Larry Hoover, representing Quality Electric, says work could start within three weeks of acceptance and be completed in three months. Hoover says if a bid bond isn't required, the bid could be lowered by \$12.00 per thousand. James McCleary with Scearce and Rudisel Architects, took the bid for review, and will check the bond requirement. Brian moved to take the bid under advisement so it may reviewed by their attorney, second by Darle, and passed.

Servia Water Upgrade: Jeff Peters with M.D. Wessler & Associates, who did the preliminary study, reported the town has two wells installed in the 1940's to 1950's. Their capacity needs tested, but that involves a shut-down of one well for an extended period, leaving part of the town without water. The town is awaiting IDEM approval of their well head protection plan. Wessler proposed four options ranging from \$91,000. to \$411,000.00 Alternatives A & B would upgrade the existing wells, alternative C adds a third well, and D adds a 5,000 gallon storage tank to provide sufficient water during peak usage. Choice D is the least recommended because of maintenance costs and operator requirements. The report was presented at a public meeting on 2/8/03. Brian moved to accept the preliminary study, second by Darle, and passed. Sara Reyman, with the Rural Communities Assistance program, reports residents attending the meeting voted to divide into groups of about 5 dwellings and drill new wells, rather than shouldering the cost of any of the four alternatives. With no further business, the meeting recessed.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Haupert

Attest:

Carol Stefanatos, Auditor