

April 7, 2003

Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 3/31 meeting were approved as written, moved by Brian Hauptert, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Accounts Payable Voucher Register, the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry reported the bridge on CR 100 S is in, with just cosmetic work to be done. He reported there will be a meeting 4/17 at 9:30 A.M. with Butler, Fairman & Seufert (BF&S) and all utility companies regarding Old Rd. 15 S, in the Commissioners room. On 4/23 at 10:00 A.M. at the highway garage, there will be a meeting with Baker & Shultz Engineering, regarding Bridge # 28 on CR 200 W over the Eel River at Laketon. Larry reported work began today on the barn floor and will take about two weeks to complete. He has estimates for rehabilitating bridge # 208 totaling \$488, 750.00 for construction and \$43,500. for engineering. Brian moved to sign a contract with United Consulting Engineers and Architects for the engineering services at \$43,500. second by Darle, and passed. Larry reported stone for a bus turn around at 11780 S 100 E, was placed this morning.

Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern: The two court cases on Old Rd. 15 S have been combined but no trial date is set. The pre-trial date is Friday, May 16th at 8:30 A.M. in Cass County. Tom reviewed the contract of Emergency Management with PDK, and felt everything was in order. Brian moved to sign the contract with PDK, second by Darle, and passed. Mr. Mattern also reported Minnick Construction has filed bankruptcy, and he has received a letter from Minnick's lawyer. The bankruptcy trustees have been notified of the county request to repay the escrow money. It was suggested Mr. Mattern send a letter to the bankruptcy trustee stating Minnick wasn't entitled to the money since they didn't complete their contract. Mr. Mattern will review the contract for HVAC work at Memorial Hall, presented by Scearce Rudisel Architects. Mattern will research the law pertaining to a nuisance fence in a rural area and report his findings to Commissioners.

Bob Brown, Emergency Management director, gave his quarterly report. Pat Lynn of Our Children Our Future, introduced Beverly Ferry, the new director of the Council on Aging. Ms Ferry gave a quarterly report on the 5311 Transportation grant. Pat said they aren't going to use a state grant that was for garage doors and computer hardware and software, so they need papers signed to de-obligate the funds.

Chad Dilling, Plan Commission director, presented two subdivision replats. One was Woodcrest, now replatted as Shadow Creek with only 4 lots. The second, Busch Subdivision, on CR 150 N, originally platted with 8 lots, now has 5 lots. Commissioners signed both replats. With no further business, the meeting recessed.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Hauptert

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor