

JULY 21, 2003

Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 7/14 meeting were approved with the correction that water on CR 200 S is 1/2 mile east of CR 750 E, moved by Brian Hauptert, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the Clerk and Treasurer Financial Reports for June, and the Jail/Judicial Center custodian hours. They reviewed a letter explaining the necessity for hiring The Phone Line, Inc. rather than waiting for service from Verizon. Judge Sposeep said the problem was in a computer, and not a repair obligation for Verizon. Commissioners learned attorney Don Metz has withdrawn his request that the county accept title to the Spring Valley Landfill, as he understands their liability concerns. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, reports the application for a Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block grant looks like a typical grant. The county must process the grant funds, in the requested amount of \$ 15,000.00, while a local match of \$9,900. would be sought in donations. Chief of Probation, Dallas Duggan, is seeking the funds for a Day Reporting program for juveniles suspended from school. Brian moved support of the grant application, second by Darle, and passed. Emergency Management director, Bob Brown introduced Cathy Rhodes with FEMA. Cathy reported the incident application period from recent storm and water damage is still open, and 13 individuals or businesses in our county have requested assistance. There are field offices in Bluffton, Kokomo and Lafayette, or one may call 800-621-FEMA. Commissioners thanked Cathy for her help in our area Co. Clerk, Lori Draper, presented a document fee schedule proposal for Commissioner review, and will talk with the Co. Council next week. Court costs are set by the legislature, but the county legislative body may set a schedule for other fees. Commissioners signed authorization for a single invoice for annual inspection certification for all 3 elevators in the Courthouse/Judicial Center complex. New legislation necessitates the invoice change, along with a new operating certificate fee of \$120. per unit regardless of the number of floors.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Seventy lane miles of chip and seal are completed, but the program is about two weeks behind schedule. Larry reports estimates to repair Pleasant Township arch bridge # 10, are about \$60,000.00. Brian moved approval for Larry to request an additional appropriation of that amount, so he may proceed with repairs, second by Darle, and passed. Larry says two requests from VERIZON to bury cable for new homes look okay. One is on CR 1400 N, beginning at CR 300 W and proceeding west for 608 feet. The second location is on CR 750 W, beginning in front of 13033 N and proceeding north for 1620 feet. He did recommend they bury cable near the inside right-of-way line, as there is a spring in the area on CR 750 W. A SPRINT request to bury cable also looks okay. It's for a new home on CR 500 N, and begins at 7733 W and continues to the west for 250 feet. Commissioners signed all three requests. Crews are surveying damage from last night's storm this morning, and there is some water on roads. The department is finding damage to road signs every week-end in the area of CR 1000 S and CR 100 W. Larry has reported the incidents to the Sheriff's department. With no further business, the meeting recessed.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Hauptert

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor