

September 29, 2003

Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 9/22 meeting were approved with a correction, moved by Darle Dawes, second by Brian Haupert, and passed. In the Co. Highway report of the Old Rd 15 S repairs at Treaty Creek, the berm will need a temporary fix. Commissioners reviewed the Treasurer's August report and the Jail/Judicial Center custodian hours. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, reports he has filed motions to dismiss both eminent domain lawsuits for Old 15 S right-of-way acquisition, and notified all involved parties. Murdock Claim Management Services has asked Tom for pertinent information regarding the Jason Bridges TORT claim. Bridges was unhappy with his court appointed representation. Tom says court appointed attorneys are contract workers for the county, not county employees. Clerk, Lori Draper is awaiting a second quote for a copy machine, but reports one quote for a 60 month lease is about \$1700. more than the purchase price of \$8,495.00. She won't have a copier set up for on line activity now, she has printers equipped for that. Commissioners agreed she should ask Co. Council for an additional appropriation of \$11,000. from her Clerk's Perpetuation Fund. Lori left a copy of the application for federal reimbursement funds for voting machines for the handicapped. She reminded the funds are available on a first come, first serve basis, rather than being evenly divided. The grant has sections to be completed by both the Commissioners and the Council.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry has advised the railroad of brush obstructing the view at the CR 1000 N crossing. Larry and FEMA have agreed on a cost of brush and debris removal after the 7/4 storms. The county will be reimbursed for 75% of \$7,882.00. He advised Commissioners of plans for a waterway extension for Gene Copeland on CR 300 E, 4/10 mile north of CR 300 N. A road cut is involved and Larry is waiting for written approval from Copeland's neighbor to hook into his tile. Larry doesn't know yet who will do the road cut, but the plan looks okay. Commissioners agree \$400. if the county does the work, otherwise \$100. for road maintenance. Larry says two SPRINT requests to bury cable look okay. (1) CR 1200 S from CR 600 E, east for 2500 feet, boring under a creek. (2) CR 1200 S from America Rd. west for 270 feet. Commissioners signed both requests. The department got hit by lightning last Friday evening, and lost the temporary base radio and some computer services. Repairs are being made this morning. Both new trucks have been delivered and will be on the road shortly.

Leroy Striker, Sheriff: There are 96 in jail this morning. One employee is leaving, going to work for the No. Manchester police department. Health Professionals will make the inmate medical transition Oct. 1st. Lynn Wicker, a registered nurse and physicians assistant will serve locally for the Illinois based firm. Leroy is planning to use Commissary funds to reinforce the exercise area with sheet metal, and add lights for night use. Heartland Career Center students will complete the project, so his only cost is material. He's still looking into possible locations for a Community Corrections program including the jail basement. Striker says the Neighborhood Watch program is running in the Laketon area, and effective 10/01 he will adjust his schedule to place more manpower in the area during the time when most illegal activity has occurred in the past. Both Leroy and Darle talked with a Laketon resident concerned about their safety. Leroy says neighbors need to be aware of their surroundings to protect themselves. With no further business, the meeting recessed.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Haupert

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor