

OCTOBER 27, 2003

Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M. with all members present, following the Co. Council meeting. Minutes of the 9/20 meeting were approved as written, moved by Brian Haupert, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the Treasurer's September Report and the Jail/Judicial Center custodian hours. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, reported receipt of a TORT notice regarding the Christa Moore estate, an inmate who died while incarcerated. He has passed the information along to the county's insurance carrier. Les says Co. Health Nurse, Jane Skeans, would like to sell a used refrigerator she has replaced. The Public Purchasing law may determine how she sells it. Jane has gotten quotes for electrical upgrade along with remodeling and painting in the Memorial Hall basement. Commissioners asked her to get a more specific breakdown of fees, before they review the quotes. A new electrical line is needed for the refrigerator, and Commissioners agreed Jane could have that work done. She will use Homeland Security grant money for the projects. John Helvey and Jim Laverdiere with Emergency Radio Services, talked with Commissioners about the state radio system upgrade to an 800 frequency. They say grants are available to counties who want to come on board, and offered their services to the county. The new radio units cost about \$3600. each. They also suggested the county use wireless transfer of data among departments in an effort to cut telephone costs.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry had some information about how counties deal with road damage, and will have more by next week. Fulton Co. has had two instances of major damage. One party paid for repairs, while the other only paid part of the repair costs. Now a bond must be posted or funds dedicated to repairs at the time a project permit is granted. Miami Co. has repaired contractor damage. Larry will repay the ditch assessment account in 2004 for the Willie Custer ditch assessment. His 2003 budget is spent. He noted a check in the amount of \$508,254.79 will be mailed today to cover the county share of Phase III of the Old Rd. 15 S project. Authorization to proceed is on hold until payment is received. Payment also indicates the county's acceptance of the bid by E & B Paving, Inc. He has also learned that the project engineer will Matthew J. Bobay. Commissioners agreed they would not sign a non-exclusive agreement with Butler, Fairman & Seufert for "on call" engineering services. After review of the truck quotes received last week, Brian moved to award the bid to Shepherds Chevrolet, North Manchester, second by Darle, and passed. Larry said all trucks were identical, but weren't bid the same. Commissioners agreed that Bob Beauchamp may harvest a red oak tree in the right-of-way (R/W) of Old Rd. 24, as long as the area is cleaned up and left intact. Beauchamp wants to place the tree near his home. Larry says a SPRINT request to bury cable in the south R/W of CR 500 N looks okay. Sprint will bore under CR 200 W, then proceed east for 2300 feet. Commissioners signed approval. With no further business, the meeting recessed.

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Lester D. Templin, Chairman

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Darle V. Dawes

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor