

Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 10/27 meeting were approved as written, moved by Darle Dawes, second by Brian Hauptert, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket, the Payroll Check Register and the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. They approved and signed the bond for Circuit Court Reporter, Nancy Corn. They reviewed quotes for a sweeper for the Judicial Center and Memorial Hall. They include: (1) a Windsor Sensor from H.P. Products at \$325.00; (2) a UV 1400 from Wabash Wholesale Supply at \$498.00; and (3) a Versamatic Upright at \$597.10 and a "hip vac" at \$485.50 from MJV Group, Inc. Custodian, Dick Smith, has tried the Sensor and is pleased with it. Darle moved to buy the Sensor sweeper, second by Brian, and passed. A transfer request from account # 352 (gas) to Capital Outlay # 441 (equipment) in the Memorial Hall budget, will be presented to Co. Council at their December meeting. Commissioners reviewed their 2003 budget and determined the \$15,000. balance in the Wards of Court account won't be enough. They reviewed prior month's expenses and noted last December's bills totaled \$70,058.35. They will submit an additional appropriation request for \$60,000.00 at the 12/1 Council meeting. Quotes for Memorial Hall basement renovations include: (1) Mike's Painting, to paint, at \$4,340.84; (2) Kellam Construction to remodel and paint at \$11,996.00; (3) Kroft Construction to remodel & paint at \$7,600.00; (4) Quality Electric to upgrade electrical at \$5,960.00, and (5) Tri-W to upgrade electrical at \$5,645.08, plus and additional \$505.00 for computer line upgrade. Brian moved to award the work to Kroft Construction and Quality Electric, second by Darle, and passed. Payment for the work will come from the over \$21,000. grant to the Health Department from Homeland Security. Commissioners set the holiday schedule for 2004, based on Indiana code specifications and the county's employee manual. County offices will be closed on: January 1st and 19th; February 16th; April 9; May 4th and 31st; July 5th; September 6th; October 11th; November 2nd, 11th, 25th and 26th; and December 24th and 31st. Commissioners read a letter from Troy and Mody Eads of Lagro Township, asking that All Terrain Vehicles (ATV's) be allowed on county roads. Their family spends quality time together four wheeling. Commissioners had determined on 10/14 that they wouldn't change the county policy and permit ATV's on county roads. Judy Rhoades and Phillip Schlemmer of Wheel-In Mobile Home Park, notified Commissioners in a letter, that they have established a Wellhead Protection Plan for their facility. They are asking for notification of any development plans within their protection area. Commissioners agreed the Plan Commission would be their best source, since permits are required for development. Commissioners agreed the Co. Auditor should complete an Affidavit sent by State Attorney General, Stephen Carter, regarding unclaimed property belonging to the county. The funds totaling \$1,279.35 date as far back as 1976. Dianne James, a former employee at Dukes Hospital in Peru, told Commissioners she designs forms and could duplicate required forms if the county has a need for her services. Commissioners thanked her, but said funds aren't available for such a service. Commissioners reviewed a certified letter from WLM Surveying, indicating that owner, Bill Maurer, intends to perform a legal survey in the Speicherville area where a discrepancy exists between original and current records. The completed survey will be filed with the County Surveyor, and adjoining land owners notified. If objections arise as a result of the new survey, an appeal goes to the Circuit Court within 90 days of survey notice.

Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, presented the contract for sponsor endorsed vehicles at the nominal sum of \$1.00 per unit for a three year lease. Commissioners signed the agreement between the county and Government Acquisitions, Inc, which allows additional vehicles for the security and welfare of county residents. Tom will forward the contract to Government Acquisitions for their signature. Brian gave Tom a contract to review. It allows the transfer of county artifacts to the not for profit Wabash Co. Historical Museum Society. Les thinks a clause should be included that indicates items originally belonging to the county should be returned to the county in the event the museum closes.

Leroy Striker, Sheriff: Leroy says there are 92 inmates this morning. He is assembling a board for the Community Corrections program. and hopes to have the first meeting the week of Thanksgiving. He reminded the benefit for Barry Hicks is the 8th, and Barry is doing administrative work when he is able to.

Bob Brown, Emergency Management director: The Local Emergency Planning Committee has been recognized by the state for their projects. His fire frequency equipment should be installed on the tower at the Solid Waste District office, soon. J & K Communications will do the work. He is working with Jackie Hurst at Beauchamp & McSpadden ISU to get workman's compensation coverage for his volunteers reinstated for the rest of this year. It's not clear how the coverage was dropped, but his volunteers have signed notices, indicating they are aware they have no coverage right now.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry sent a letter to Butler, Fairman & Seufert (BF&S), notifying them to proceed with construction engineering services on Phase III of the Old Rd. 15 S project. A copy went to Bruno Canzian at INDOT. With Commissioner approval, Larry will ask for additional appropriations at the 12/1 Council meeting. (1) for Hwy. Administration account # 1341, \$4,000. for liability insurance; (2) Maintenance & Repair # 2233, \$9,000. for calcium chloride (winter salt); (3) Road & Street account # 5419, \$8,300. for balance of county share for construction on Phase III of Old Rd. 15 S. Brian moved approval for the requests, second by Darle, and passed. John Speidel, Jr. with BF&S, presented market estimates for right-of-way (R/W) acquisition on the Mississinewa recreational road project along CR 950 S and CR 300 W. Estimates are for property owned by: Merle Myers, Daniel Allen, Matthew Whitesel, James Estes, Danny Middlesworth and Juanita Morton. Les signed the estimates. Speidel says the project total for engineering on the Old Rd. 15 S retaining wall at Treaty Creek is "not to exceed" \$36,000.00. The agreement for "on call" engineering services needs signed as a mechanism for billing on the project, although BF&S is proceeding without the contract. Brian moved approval to sign the General Engineering Services agreement with BF&S, second by Darle, and passed. Larry says a VERIZON request to bury cable looks okay, and is needed, so work can be done on the failed retaining wall on Old 15 S. They will move the cable across the road, beginning at 2559 and proceeding to 2689 Old Rd. 15 S. Commissioners signed the request. With no further business, the meeting recessed.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Hauptert

ATTEST:

Carol Stefanatos, Auditor