

Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 11/03 meeting were approved as written, moved by Brian Hauptert, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the October Financial Report and the Judicial Center/Jail custodian hours. They reviewed a letter from Tracy Kennedy, asking Commissioners to consider allowing all terrain vehicles to travel on county roads. The Kennedy family shares this hobby, and must trailer their vehicles to enjoy the sport. Commissioners noted Indiana American Water Co. has applied for a water and sewage rate increase. Les said he asked a Marion company for a quote to replace windows in Memorial Hall. Dallas Duggan, Chief of Probation, presented additional appropriation requests for Commissioner approval. Both are to appropriate grant money for the "day reporting" program. Brian moved to support a request for \$300. from a tobacco education grant for supplies and \$5,366.68 from a Criminal Justice grant for payroll, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners agreed he could purchase jackets for his employees that identify them as Probation officers, thru his "user fee" funds. The officers make after hours, unscheduled, visits to those serving probation. County Recorder, Nancy Gribben, was given approval to combine budgeted funds and Recorder Perpetuation Fund monies for new book covers costing \$1,644.45, rather than re-binding books at more expense. Nancy has chosen a computer program for her office, Fidlara, after 4 demonstrations and talks with other counties. To reserve her start up date of April 1st, she must pay one third of the total cost at contract signing, which is \$28,879.00. She will use Recorder Perpetuation funds to computerize the office. Commissioners asked Nancy to ask Quality Electric for a quote on electrical work, and she will need a phone line. Brian moved support of her plans to computerize, second by Darle, and passed. Beverly Ferry, director of the Council on Aging, reports a significant increase in usage of the Public Transit program, and more efficient use of the vehicles. She will be buying about 3 new vans, as some of the present ones have high mileage. They are now using volunteers for medical transports, and reimbursing for mileage. Commissioners signed the 5311 Transportation grant application for 2004. Beverly says their food pantry has grown recently, and Bob Hoover volunteers to oversee it.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry says the pre-construction meeting last week for Phase III of Old Rd. 15 S, went well. The contractor, E & B Paving, has been doing prep work, and weather permitting, will start in a week or two. Assistant supervisor, Phil Amone and his crew replaced doors on a storage building at the courthouse, for the cost of \$100. in materials. Upon the request of the Metropolitan School district, Larry has delivered a load of stone to the Jim Sprunger residence for a bus turn around. Templin signed market estimate reports prepared by Butler, Fairman & Seufert for the Mississinewa Road project on CR 950 S and CR 300 W. Individuals involved include: Rick Sweet, Marveta Huddleston and Pearsons Mill Farms.

Bridgeview Estates Plat: Ted Brower, owner, and Plan Commissioner, Chad Dilling, presented the plat, already approved by the Plan Commission. Platted as 5 lots in Section 36, Township 29 and Range 5, Commissioners think an 8 inch central drainage tile is needed for the benefit of all lots. Mr. Brower agreed, and Chad will make a note of the requirement in his files and notify the Surveyor's office. Commissioners noted the most shallow depth should be 3 feet, and any septic system needs to be at least 10 feet from a perimeter drain. Commissioners approved the plat with the drain stipulation.

Highway Supply bids for 2004: At 10:00 A.M. Darle moved to close the bidding, Brian second, and passed. Bidders included: (1) Stone (a) Irving Materials, Huntington; (b) Rock Industries, Inc., Peru; (c) Hanson Aggregates Midwest, Peru. (2) Gravel (a) Siders & Son Gravel, Roann; (b) W & W Gravel, Roanoke; (c) Kokomo Gravel, Peru. (3) Sand (a) Kokomo Gravel; (b) Rock Industries, Inc., Peru; (c) W & W Gravel; (d) LaFontaine Gravel Inc., LaFontaine. (4) Liquid Asphalt Emulsion (a) Koch Materials, Warsaw; (b) Piercet Trucking Co., Laketon. (5) Liquid Asphalt (a) Piercet Trucking Co. (6) Cold Mix (a) Phend & Brown, Milford; (b) E & B Paving, Huntington; (7) Hot Asphalt Base (a) Gaunt & Son Paving, Wabash; (b) E & B Paving; (c) Phend & Brown. (8) Gasoline (a) No. Central Cooperative, Wabash; (b) J.M. Reynolds Co., Wabash. (9) Diesel Fuel (a) North Central Cooperative; (b) Petroleum Traders Corp., Ft. Wayne; (c) J.M. Reynolds. (10) Bridge Material (a) American Timber Bridge & Culvert, Kalamazoo, MI; (b) St. Regis Culvert, Indianapolis (c) Baker & Shultz, Inc., Decatur; (11) High Performance Cold Mix (a) Phend & Brown; (b) Mike Green, Inc. (MGI), Fairland. (12) Grader & Snow Blades (a) St. Regis Culvert; (b) Winter Equipment, Inc., Willoughby, Ohio; (c) American Wire, Rope & Sling, Ft. Wayne. (13) Culvert Pipe (a) Debco Metal Culverts, Francesville; (b) St. Regis Culvert. (14) Road Sign Supplies (a) MGI, Fairland; (b) Stello Products, Inc., Spencer; (c) Hall Signs, Inc., Bloomington. (15) Tires no bids. (16) Oils & Greases (a) Jackson Oil Solvents, Inc., Indianapolis; (b) No. Central Cooperative; (c) J.M. Reynolds, Inc.; (d) Master Petroleum Products, Auburn. (17) Liquid Calcium Chloride (a) Great Lakes Chloride, Inc., Laketon; (b) AJP Corp., Goshen. (18) Rock Salt (a) Morton Salt Co., Chicago, IL; (b) Cargill Salt Co., North Olmsted, Ohio. Equipment Rental (a) Siders & Son Gravel, Roann; (b) John T. Camden Construction, Piercet; (c) R. L. McCoy, Inc., Columbia City; (d) Troy Eads Excavating, Inc., Lagro; (e) Eads & Son Bulldozing, Lagro; (f) Beer Slaybaugh, Inc., Nappanee; (g) Gaunt & Son Asphalt, Inc.; (h) Phend & Brown, Inc. (i) Hanks Construction, Inc., Wabash; (j) Baker & Shultz, Inc. Brian moved to take all bids under advisement, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, and Highway Supervisor, Larry Rice, will review the bids for accuracy. 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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Brian K. Hauptert

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor