

NOVEMBER 17, 2003

Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 11/10 meeting were approved as written, moved by Brian Hauptert, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, says Cincinnati Insurance has asked him to send all TORT notices to both the liability and errors and omissions divisions from now on. Sheriff, Leroy Striker, says he will need an additional appropriation from his Co. Corrections fund to cover needs in the jail including: a heavy duty washing machine at \$325.00, an ice machine at \$1979. and barricades in the exercise area at \$1033.51. Both the washer and ice machine have been fixed repeatedly this year. Brian moved support of the additional appropriation request, second by Darle, and passed. Emergency Management director, Bob Brown, reports his volunteers are covered under Workman's Comp thru December per a phone conversation with Beauchamp & McSpadden. He has asked for written confirmation, but hasn't received it. He again asked Commissioners to consider adding the TAP unit from North Manchester to his department. It would increase his active roster by 10, to 40, and he might need some additional funds next year for badges and uniforms, although he's looking for grant money. The Town of North Manchester agreed to continue insurance coverage for the TAP people thru 2004, then the county would assume liability. Fire chiefs from the northern part of the county feel absorbing the TAP unit will be a plus for training issues. Brian moved to combine the units and see how it works, second by Darle, and passed. Bob says state sponsored training sessions are coming up in December. Brian moved approval of Co. Assessor Kelly Schenkel's request to attend a state conference in January, 2nd by Darle, and passed. Her entire staff needs to attend to maintain their accreditation. Kelly has received notice of an annual increase of \$200. for maintenance of her personal property software. The vendor says each of six users must pay \$499. per year. Kelly will check with other counties to see if they intend to pay the increase. She will talk to a competitor, too.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry and Mr. Mattern have reviewed the supply bids from last week, and everything appears to be in order. He recommends Commissioners accept all bids. Brian moved acceptance of all bids, second by Darle, and passed. Larry received notice from United Consulting Engineers that they have completed an inspection of bridge # 208 over the railroad on Old 24 W. They offered three solutions, and Steve Jones with United, will be here next week to review the options. Sheriff Striker talked about trains blocking crossings on CR 300 N and CR 400 N for extended periods. The legal limit is not to exceed 20 minutes, but it's hard to track blockage time. He has gotten no satisfaction from repeated phone conversations, the railroad has multiple excuses. Larry said he will contact a former railroad employee, now with the state, for guidance. With no further business, the meeting recessed.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Hauptert

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor