

DECEMBER 15, 2003

Commissioner Vice Chairman, Darle Dawes, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with Lester Templin absent. Minutes of the 12/8 meeting were approved as written, moved by Brian Hauptert, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. They reviewed the November Financial Report, the Clerk's November Report and the Treasurer's October Report. They reviewed the Jail/Judicial Center custodian hours and the Benicomp Insurance Nov. report. Commissioners signed a proposal from Quality Electric for installation of needed equipment for a computer system in the Recorder's office, totaling \$ 594.00. The new system will come on board April 1st. Commissioners will pursue a Notice of Violations resulting from a fire prevention inspection of the Courthouse and Judicial Center. A signed copy of the Government Vehicle Acquisition contract was given to Sheriff Striker. An enclosure indicates the next steps, including a list of potential advertisers and publicity requirements. Probation Chief, Dallas Duggan, presented a list of recommended individuals to sit on a Community Corrections Advisory Board. All parties have agreed to accept an appointment from the Co. Executive (Commissioners). Commissioners postponed a decision until next week. Dallas and Sheriff Striker hope to hold the first meeting by mid January, working toward a work release program start date of July 1st. Sheriff Striker says the jail basement appears to be the best location for the program, and said the costs of relocating the Emergency Management agency could be included as a program set up cost. Bob Brown, Emergency Management director, says he's aware of the need to relocate, and asked Commissioners for assistance in his search. Bob reported he has received notification of the award of a \$ 30,000. Homeland Security grant for approved equipment purchases. It's part two of a grant, and he hasn't received part one, yet. Brian moved approval for purchase of a Suburban to be used as a "prime mover" for equipment, second by Darle, and passed. Bob also received salary reimbursement from the state and it has been deposited in the Co. General Fund. It included a bonus this year for one half of Social Security costs. Co. Assessor, Kelly Schenkel, learned the quote she had for a printer didn't include a duplexer and an extra drawer, which she needs. Both NX Communications and K & R Office Supply can get her what she needs for about \$1900.00, but K & R does not configure the printer and NX includes that service. Brian moved approval for purchase of a printer from NX Communications using Cumulative Reassessment funds, second by Darle, and passed. Co. Treasurer, Lu Ann Layman, told Commissioners she has had many complaints this fall about the 10% penalty charged for late payment of property taxes. She followed the law using the postmark date, as she has in the past, and put a notice on the courthouse door that payments could be made in the security box outside the Judicial Center or at Frances Slocum Bank until 8:00 p.m. on Nov. 10th. Commissioners thanked her for being diligent and patient.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: After talking with Les, Larry suggested a posted speed limit on Bailey road, as a possible means of alleviating accidents. Brian moved to amend the sign ordinance to make Bailey Rd. from Old Rd. 15 S to CR 500 S a 40 mph speed zone, second by Darle, and passed. Larry says the temporary fix on the retaining wall on Old Rd. 15 S at Treaty Creek is done, and looks good. Larry has learned from Toby Steffan at Butler, Fairman & Seufert (BF&S), that engineer Jim Hamilton, also with BF&S, doesn't support a concrete wall as his first choice for a permanent fix of the retaining wall. Larry says the only hold up of the start of Phase III of Old Rd. 15 S is a utilities meeting that had to be rescheduled. The work trailer is in place, and the first step will be clearing. Commissioners signed a certification letter to INDOT indicating no additional right-of-way acquisition will be needed on Bridge # 13 carrying River Rd. over Mississinewa Lake. BF&S is handling this federal participation project. 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