

DECEMBER 22, 2003

Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 12/15 meeting were approved with a correction, moved by Brian Hauptert, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Bridge 13 is on Mississinewa Road over Mississinewa Lake, rather than River Road. Commissioners signed the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. They reviewed the Weights & Measures monthly report. Commissioners signed Ordinance 2003-V to place a 40 mile per hour speed limit on Bailey Road from Old St. Rd. 15 S to CR 500 S. Commissioners approved the change 12/15/03. Brian expects a quote from Metzger Construction for replacing the windows in Memorial Hall, and a revised quote from Kroft Construction for the same. Bob Brown, Emergency Management director, will meet with the North Manchester TAP people this evening to merge them with his group.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry says E&B Paving have moved equipment in for Phase III of Old 15 S. He observed tri-axle trucks hauling material over CR 750 W between CR 700 S and St. Rd. 124, and on CR 700 W, too. He notified the offending contractors and the Corps of Engineers. The businesses have said they will take care of the damages, but Larry suggests restricting commercial trucks or posting a weight limit. Commissioners will consider posting a weight limit as the best choice to protect the county from damage costs. Work on the Mississinewa Dam is to be completed in 2004. Commissioners set Feb. 9th, 2004 at 10:00 A.M. for the bid deadline for a permanent fix to the retaining wall at Treaty Creek on Old Rd. 15 S. Larry will ask for quotes to repair with steel sheeting or gabion baskets. FEMA will cover 75% of the cost, since the damage resulted from the storms on 7/4/03, but the county must pay the total cost up front, then be reimbursed. Brian moved support of Larry asking Co. Council for an additional appropriation of \$220,000. from Local Road & Street funds to complete the project, second by Darle, and passed.

Leroy Striker, Sheriff: Leroy reports the grant application for upgrading radio systems to 800 mega hertz was sent prior to the 12/19 deadline, and he should have news early in the new year. He told Commissioners he plans for the Community Corrections Board to meet the 2nd or 3rd week of January, and reminded them appointments need to be made, including at least one Commissioner. Striker discussed some promotions within the department effective 1/1/04, and has received a letter from Capt. Barry Hicks' doctor stating he is able to perform the duties of his job. 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