

JANUARY 20, 2004

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 1/12 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the Clerk's report for December, the Weights & Measures monthly report, and the Jail/Judicial Center custodian hours. After review of the Victim Assistance program, Les moved approval to sign the grant application, second by Darle, and passed. If approved, the July thru June program would supply \$19,944.40, requiring a local match of \$4,998.60. The required program is managed by two employees in the prosecutor's office. After review of a claim for repairs to the 911 system in North Manchester, Les moved approval to reimburse the Town \$1581.16 from 911 funds, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners approved and signed the 2004 bond for Coroner, Marilyn McDonald. Emergency Management director, Bob Brown, presented a revised snow emergency ordinance for Commissioners and their attorney, Tom Mattern, to review. Bob reports there isn't room for his department to relocate to the REMC building, and Les said the Solid Waste District office isn't a good fit for EMA. Bob reports entities within Wabash Co. received about \$300,000. in reimbursements from SEMA, for storm damage last summer. Commissioners reviewed a claim for various insurance renewals, and directed the Auditor to schedule a meeting with a Beauchamp & McSpadden ISU representative, to discuss coverage changes and cost increases.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry says Patriot Engineering has proposed to test for potential contamination in areas where fuel tanks were removed in 1998. IDEM found some "hot spots" of contamination. For \$11,170.00, Patriot would test ground water, do multiple soil borings and sink wells. Commissioners think the price is high, but understand IDEM requires the testing. Darle moved to proceed with testing, Les second, and passed. Larry will ask Co. Council for an additional appropriation to keep his diesel fuel fund solvent, after paying for the testing. Commissioners reviewed a market estimate report from Butler, Fairman & Seufert Engineering (BF&S), for additional right-of-way acquisition. JRDLK, LLP (Kellam) has agreed to a settlement of \$2,330.00, and Commissioners signed the agreement. This is part of the project on CR 950 S from St. Rd 13 and CR 300 W from Pearson Mill State Recreation entrance to CR 950 S. With no further business, the meeting recessed.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor