

FEBRUARY 17, 2004

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 2/9 meeting were approved as written, moved by Darle Dawes, second by Brian, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the Clerk's January Report and the Jail/Judicial Center custodian hours. They reviewed a quote from Quality Electric to install an emergency light on both the second and third floors of the courthouse, per a state inspection requirement, for a total of \$224.00. Repairs for two Exit lights in the basement would be time and material based on what is needed. Lester Templin moved approval for Quality Electric to proceed, second by Darle, and passed. Larry Hoover with Quality Electric, referred Commissioners to Liniger and Simplex for requirements in the Judicial Center. Commissioners agreed that Co. Recorder, Nancy Gribben, should buy furniture needed for a public access computer station, using her Recorder Perpetuation funds to cover the \$831.00 expense. The Recorder's office will switch to computers on April 1st. Nancy told Commissioners she hasn't found any Indiana code reference that says she should not be charging other government entities for recording fees or copies. Her revenue goes into the county general fund and her perpetuation fund. Les moved to appoint Tom Pinson of North Manchester to the Alcoholic Beverage Board thru 12/31/04, if he will accept the position, second by Darle, and passed. Brian has been unable to talk with Mr. Pinson, but understands he is interested in accepting the position. Pinson would replace longtime member, George Airgood. Roann resident, Clifton Cordes, asked Commissioners for help identifying a parcel of ground in the Roann area, likely railroad property. It's been in the delinquent tax sale, but it's history isn't clear. He asked if the Co. Surveyor could locate and define the property, as the Town of Roann would like to use the ground or add it to neighboring properties. Indicating the county would have to hire a surveyor, Les suggested the town might be willing to have it surveyed, since it would be the likely benefactor.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry reviewed the Butler, Fairman & Seufert recommendation to repair the retaining wall at Treaty Creek on Old Rd. 15 S. He agrees that the steel sheathing wall will perform better over time with less maintenance required, than the gabian wall. The R. L. McCoy quote of \$128,727.50 is the apparent low bid, and meets the specifications, so Les moved to award the job to McCoy, second by Darle, and passed. Liberty Mills resident, Tom Brainard, shared pictures of standing water around his property on First Street. A catch basin was installed in the area, but it's higher than his ground, and doesn't help him. Larry will look at the area again, but says the Brainard property is in a low area, and he's not sure he can help.

Leroy Striker, Sheriff: Leroy says Paul Downing with the Dept. of Corrections inspected the jail last week, and agrees the jail basement is the likely place for a work release program. Sheriff Striker and Dallas Duggan, Chief of Probation, agree the jail basement could be a good location for Probation offices, since they will be involved with the program. The gun range could be converted to their office space. Les asked if Moake Park Architects could provide a plan that works around the Emergency Management office staying at the jail. Striker will be meeting with Molly O'Conner of Moake Park today, but said the only space available would be the gun range, and it's not big enough for EMA. He estimates it would cost the county \$30,000. to renovate the area for EMA, as a heating/cooling system would be needed, among other things. Leroy suggested there was space for EMA on the second floor of the courthouse, and EMA could move there without a great deal of expense. He says of the 96 in jail this morning, 10 to 15 would qualify for work release. With no further business, the meeting recessed.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor