

April 5, 2004

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order with all members present. Minutes of the 3/29 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket, the Payroll Check Register and the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. They reviewed the March Financial Report. Les moved approval of the Notice of Polling Places for May 2004, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the final claim for HVAC work in Memorial Hall, approved and submitted by the architect firm of Scearce and Rudisel. Les moved approval to pay the final billing of \$5,850. plus \$10,900. held in retainage, second by Darle, and passed. Les moved approval to accept a request from Lora Cartwright for 12 weeks of Family Medical leave effective 3/8/04 thru 6/4/05, second by Darle, and passed. Cartwright will return in a part time capacity. Les moved to elevate Michelle Kirby from part time to full time status effective 4/12/04, second by Darle and passed. Upon the recommendation of the library board, Les moved to re-appoint Joe Acceta to the North Manchester Public Library Board for a four year term ending August 31 2008, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, updated on the 1964 bequest to the County Home Farm from the Letha Jackson estate. She left household furnishings along with clothing and \$12,444.68 to the home, suggesting the funds be used for an addition. The Co. Home was razed in 1982, and the unused funds have grown to over \$51,000.00. Tom will prepare a notice for publication and work on a petition to present the judge, asking transfer of the funds for another use. Les will make inquiries about other heirs. Sheriff, Leroy Striker, reports 93 in jail today. He gave Commissioners a copy of the First Responder Communications Equipment Sub Grant agreement signed by the Commissioners last week, but not yet signed by the Integrated Public Safety Commission. Commissioners will schedule a meeting with MJV Cleaning Services, as the Health Dept. would prefer to do their own cleaning.

"Safe" bids: Shortly after 9:30, Les moved to close the bidding, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners received two bids for the safe formerly housed in the Treasurer's office. Guy Givens bid \$101.00 and Artemus Shambaugh bid \$200.04. Les moved to award the safe to Shambaugh pending receipt of the advertised \$1,000.00 deposit for potential damages when moving the safe, second by Darle, and passed. The deposit will be refunded if no damages are incurred.

Old Rd. 15 South, Phase III: Matt Bobay with Butler, Fairman & Seufert Engineers (BF&S) updated progress over the last month. All utilities have chosen to relocate to the back side of the right-of-way (R/W), and all trees needed removed should be gone by 4/15. The road is officially closed to thru traffic. Guardrail has been removed and mailboxes made portable. The Wabash Postmaster has indicated mail service will continue throughout the project. A permit for a driveway at the intersection of Rd. 15 and CR 350 S will be approved without any changes to the project plans, so there won't be any increased costs. Bobay is researching a question regarding the Michael Campbell property at the southeast corner of Rd. 15 and Meridian Road. Campbell is concerned about damage to his leach bed. Structure # 16 is damaged, and it's more cost effective to replace, rather than repair it. The east end has settled, and there's about a foot of standing water. E&B Paving has an estimate of \$53,720.00, of which the county would pay 20%, or \$10,745.00. A change order will be coming, in the meantime Les moved support of the new structure, so the materials may be ordered, second by Darle, and passed. Plans for April include clearing of R/W, stripping of sod, wedge and level resurface areas and storm culverts, pipe and structure.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry asked if Commissioners had decided about buying the equipped 2004 demo truck from Erik's Chevrolet for \$84,500.00. The two trucks approved earlier, won't be built before the second week of July, and the earliest delivery would be in October. This truck will be ready soon, and could be used this summer. The next time Larry would only advertise to buy one single axle truck. Les moved approval to purchase, pending Co. Council approval of an additional appropriation, and continued availability of the truck, second by Darle, and passed. Larry says a request from SPRINT to replace old cable and run lines to a new pedestal looks okay. On CR 500 E, it would run from St. Rd. 16, north on the west side of the road for 650 feet. They will bore under both roads. Commissioners signed the request. INDOT has notified Larry they are accepting applications for federal bridge and road projects. He will ask if BF&S intends to re-submit Bridge # 175 at Richvalley. Jim Hamilton with BF&S should be here later this month for county wide bridge inspections. Larry was notified trucks hauling manure from Huntington County are damaging CR 200 S, CR 750 E and Division Road. They're transporting about every 10 minutes, and if they aren't overloaded they aren't breaking any laws, as there isn't a posted weight limit.

Roann annexation: David Magley, representing the town, reports they propose to annex 32 acres surrounding the Town of Roann. It would include properties already receiving utilities, thus lowering their utility costs. Property taxes for the annexed properties would go to the town rather than the county, and might be somewhat higher than township rates. The process is in the early stages, and Commissioner support is one step in the process. Commissioners will do some research, and Magley left an Approval of Annexation Plan for their review. With no further business, the meeting recessed.

Brian K Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor