

April 26, 2004

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order following the close of the Co. Council meeting, with all members present. Minutes of the 4/19 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Brian signed the Certificate of Appointment to the Board of Health for David Ericsson, based on last week's approval. Commissioners reviewed the Jail/Judicial Center custodian hours. Darle moved approval to sign the Schedule of Stop Loss with Benicomp Insurance, second by Les, and passed. This raises the county liability to \$25,000. per covered individual. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern reports motions regarding the Letha Jackson estate have been filed with the court. He has heard from United National Insurance Company, who report the county policy covering Public Officials and Employment Practices doesn't cover damages being sought in the Jeffrey Van Auken Tort claim. They refer the case to Sheriff department coverage. Danny Price, Speicherville, told Commissioners his neighbors, the Lawsons, are installing a fence between his property line and a platted alley. Both parties have had their properties surveyed, and the surveys differ. There are also differences between the original plat of the area and current plats in the courthouse. The Price survey is public record, but the Lawson survey is yet to be recorded. Commissioners and Mr. Mattern told Price it is a civil matter unless the platted, but unimproved alley is blocked, denying ingress/egress. Mattern says Commissioners could set a precedent for other unimproved alleys, by taking a stand on this one. There's the potential for many places where something encroaches a platted alley. An option would be to petition to have the alley vacated, and divided between the two adjacent owners. Plan Commissioner, Chad Dilling, says he has no authority over roads and alleys, but reports fences may be placed along property lines, without a permit. Price says the neighbors have done much construction without permits. In a related matter, Price says a drainage ditch was crushed when the Lawsons put in a new septic system last year, and now both properties have standing water.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry thinks he'll need an additional appropriation of about \$9,000.00 from Cumulative Bridge for pipe for a waterway on CR 800 N, 200 E & 175 E. Larry will look at county bridge # 75 on CR 600 E. Water is going around the inverts. Butler, Fairman & Seufert sent notice they have petitioned INDOT for approval of plans for bridges # 910, # 10 and # 11, and two culverts along the Old Rd. 15 S project. Les has heard from 3 parties along the project, Aswegan, Conley and Wilson. They want a hill cut back during construction. Matt Bobay, with BF&S has told them it isn't feasible. Les thinks the group needs to meet with Commissioners and BF&S representatives.

Leroy Striker, Sheriff: There are 88 in jail this morning. A Local Systems Assessment of the jail will take place in early May. Judges, Probation and Prosecutor officials along with jail personnel will be interviewed. There is no cost for the assessment. There is progress on mechanical repairs at the jail, air is flowing freely. Leroy got a quote from Koorsen to update the fire protection system for about \$11,000.00. He expects to have a second quote by next week. Leroy reports the security room has been severely damaged by inmates recently, and charges have been filed along with a request for damages. Brian asked for a meeting tomorrow with Commissioners, the Sheriff, the EMA director and Moake Park architects. With no further business, the meeting recessed.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor