

July 26, 2004

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 10:45 following the Co. Council meeting. All members were in attendance. Minutes of the 7/19 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register, and reviewed the Clerk's report for June. They reviewed the Scarce and Rudisel Architects of Warsaw \$10,000.00 claim, for work on the third floor of Memorial Hall. Les moved to pay one half of the fee now, one quarter when the project is half done, and the final one quarter upon completion of the project, second by Darle, and passed. The Auditor reported only one of the three parties invited to quote for internet access for courthouse offices, responded with a quote. Les moved to request an additional appropriation from the Cumulative Capital Development fund for the needed cable and wiring work for internet access in the amount of \$6,865.00, second by Darle, and passed. Cleaver Cabling & Consulting submitted the only quote. Artemus Shambaugh, told Commissioners he still wants the safe he bid on earlier this year, but getting it moved without doing any damage is the hold-up. He's working on a solution, and asked for more time, indicating his help isn't available this week. Les moved to give Shambaugh until 8/21/04 to remove the safe, second by Darle, and passed. Darle reminded Shambaugh that his bid of \$200.04 plus the \$1,000.00 damage deposit, must be paid before the safe is removed. Sheriff, LeRoy Striker, reported there were 92 in jail today, and Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern said he didn't have any new business for the board. Probation chief, Dallas Duggan, says they have an insect problem, and Commissioners agreed to a one time treatment by an exterminator, with payment from the courthouse line item for Probation maintenance. Dallas has talked with a phone representative, and he can get a separate system that will interface with the courthouse system. He will pay for it with his user fee funds. Co. Clerk Lori Draper, reports Kurt Mullett of K & M Carpeting, has checked the loose floor tiles and wrinkled carpet in her office. He says repairs would take five days, and the carpeted area would have to be cleared of furnishings. Mullett also indicated tiles should not have been used on the stairway. Commissioners will review the matter, but are disturbed with the deterioration, after only 2 1/2 years in use. Julianne Lassus, representing Lutheran Preferred, a county health care provider, urged Commissioners to limit provider options to one, thus doubling the discount savings to 30%. The Lutheran package includes 53 hospitals, including some in Indianapolis and the Cleveland Clinic. Lutheran is buying Dukes Hospital in Peru. The only major competition with Signature Care/Encore, is the hub hospital, Parkview. Commissioners were aware of the potential for deeper discounts, but wanted to offer employees more choices. Lassus offered her help with medical coverage decisions, and Commissioners will consider their options. Tim Wells of T. M. Wells Valuations, Huntington, offered a proposal of \$12,000.00 to prepare a report for the county on their fixed asset values, for the new federal GASB-34 accounting system. Wells said the fee was negotiable, depending on what information the county has compiled. Commissioners will review the proposal.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: His crews have completed 75 miles of chip and seal. Bruno Canzian with INDOT, has notified Larry that paperwork approval on plans for Bridge # 13 on Mississinewa Road over the Mississinewa River are 95% complete, and requested some additional information. Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Inc. is the project engineer. United Consulting Engineering notified Larry via E-mail, that the railroad has approved a height differential of inches, as part of the design exception on bridge # 208 over the railroad on Old Rd. 24 west. Bob Rice, representing the Lagro Cemetery, ask the highway department to trim limbs on north Clinton Street. They are low hanging, and brush cars as they pass. Larry will look at the area, and learn what facilities are available, before making a recommendation. He has received a quote from Zahm in Huntington on the Roger Speicher drain. The Surveyor's office has determined the run-off, and recommended a 60 inch pipe. Larry wondered if that size was needed to drain a 15 inch tile, and whether he could get enough cover over it. He could install the pipe, but doesn't have budgeted funds to buy the pipe. He said two requests from VERIZON to bury cable, look okay, and Commissioners signed both. (1) is to bore under the road at 5229 W 200 N and (2) is to bore under the road at 3501 S 300 W. The Surveyor will get copies of both. With no further business, the meeting recessed.

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Brian Hauptert, Chairman

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Darle V. Dawes

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Lester D. Templin

ATTEST:

Carol Stefanatos, Auditor