

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 8/16 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. They reviewed the July Treasurer's Report and the Weights & Measures monthly report. They reviewed a notice of violations from the State Fire Marshall, and are in the process of resolving those issues. They advised the Auditor to pay the required amount due the insurance administrator, but not the additional amount that would expedite the claims payment by the insurance carrier Co. Clerk, Lori Draper, says Noble 4 Precinct voting has to be moved from the Wabash Middle School. She proposed moving it back to the High School for the November election, as the school is handicapped accessible thru the main entry. She will have to relocate by the next election. Commissioners agreed to the plan. After talking with Steve Johnson, director of the Wabash Co. Solid Waste District, she proposed a grant application for recycled office products. The award amounts to \$5000.00, and Johnson has pledged 1/2 of the required match, \$2500.00, so the county would be responsible for the remaining \$2500.00. Commissioners encouraged her to proceed. Lori also proposed using her incentive funds to buy slider cabinets to place outside her microfilm room, as she needs more storage area. She will get floor plans and cost estimates for Commissioners to review. EMA director, Bob Brown, reports 19 first responders participated in a decontamination class last weekend. Brian told Bob they should begin to search in earnest for a new home for EMA, as the Co. Corrections program has been approved, and the Sheriff hopes it's operational by December. County Health nurse, Jane Skeans and Environmental Sanitarian, Jennifer Swango, asked Commissioner approval to buy a 4 wheel drive vehicle for the Health department staff, using Tobacco Settlement funds for purchasing and insuring it. Jennifer would be the primary user, for site visits. Commissioners asked for quotes. Jennifer told Les she hasn't made any recommendations about septic systems on CR 950 S and CR 300 W, but she has received soil borings and provided a minimum requirement list. She says the state has no grandfather clause that exempts a long time residence from having a septic system. Commissioners agreed that Manchester Recycling could remain in the old state highway building for at least one year. Richard Nichols, representing the company, says they will perform minimum maintenance on the brick building while they're using it, and will vacate the storage shed upon Commissioner request. George Dolen, representing Simplex/Grinnell, says he will remove the indemnity clause from the proposed contracts for monitoring and testing of the fire alarm system in the Judicial Center. The agreement becomes effective the date it's signed. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, said that addressed both of his concerns with the contracts. Les moved to accept the amended contracts for (1) 24/7 monitoring of the fire system at \$396.00 per year, and (2) required annual testing and inspection for \$1120.00 per year, second by Darle, and passed. Jay Alexander and Jason Renz, introduced their business, Specialty Entrance Technologies, to Commissioners. Located near Urbana, they specialize in installation of ADA approved entrance doors, and suggested making county entrances more accessible for \$2500. to \$3500.00 per entry. They also install security locks and entry card systems.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: There are 128.5 miles of chip and seal completed. Larry suggested his best recommendation for a water problem solution along Baumbauer Road would be for his crew to side ditch on the south side of the road. The property owner would need to install a drain under the drive, also on the south side of the road. Darle feels maybe the drive should be moved over about the width of the drive, and Larry agreed that might help. Final consensus was to suggest the owner do a culvert first, and then see if the county needs to try something more. Commissioners asked Larry to send a second request to North Central Cooperative and New Schoonebeek Dairy LLC, for funds to defray the cost of repairing roads in the area of the dairy. Commissioners set a reply deadline of 9/15/04. Larry presented the Request For Proposals letters for BR. # 208 on Old Rd. 24 west over the railroad. Commissioners signed the letters that will be mailed today, and are due back by 10/04/04. Larry says two VERIZON requests to bury cable look okay, so Commissioners signed both. (1) bore under the road to a new house at 1875 S 75 E, south of Baumbauer Road and north of Dora Road and (2) begin just south of St. Rd. 124, then south along the right-of-way for 1870 ft. to 6382 S 400 W. Group consensus is that the location of a rural mailbox falls under post office jurisdiction. After reviewing Market Estimate and Just Compensation Basis Reports for parcels along Old Rd. 15 S between CR 600 S and CR 1000 S, Les moved to accept the recommendations, second by Darle, & passed. Included in Phase II of the project are: (1) Edward Sesney, (2) Harry Brickley, (3) Douglas Gatchel, (4) William Lines, (5) Gloria Garza, and (6) Kimberly Mayer.

Leroy Striker, Sheriff: There are 84 in jail today. Sheriff Striker has received two Community Foundation grants, \$1500.00 for conflict resolution and \$4045.00 for an inmate program titled "it's my child too". The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute has granted \$40,000.00 for equipment for a finger print program and \$6000.00 for equipment maintenance. Striker has been notified the Community Corrections program is a go, and the entire amount requested, has been approved. The grant takes effect 10/1/04, and will pay 100% of building renovation costs and 75% of wages and benefits. Leroy will finalize plans with Moake Park architects, and move forward with bids. He hopes construction will be completed by the end of November. Both new Explorer's are on the road, and that is good, because two patrol cars are down, and one won't be repaired. Sheriff Striker will talk with Don Magnus of Liberty Mills, regarding alleged multiple burglaries at his business, including a prescription, necessary for pain relief due to a broken back two years ago. Sheriff Striker was not aware of the problem or alleged lack of cooperation by his department.

Memorial Hall 3rd floor Renovation: Jeff Kumfer of Scarce/Rudisel Architects, presented several change proposals that were unforeseen before work commenced. They include: (1) to repair plaster behind radiators and an old sink that were removed, add \$850.00; (2) the wall murals are peeling and in worse condition than originally thought, so the contractor proposed adding plexiglass to the already planned framing, for an additional cost of \$890.00. Les thinks the murals should be preserved if possible; (3) the terrazo floor in the entry area, which was to be used, is cracked and deteriorated. Carpeting the area would add \$1725.00; (4) the tin ceiling tiles are sagging in areas where HVAC work is being done, and should be shored up for safety, before a dropped ceiling is installed. Kumfer proposed a 2 x 4 grid and threaded rods be installed below the tin ceiling to stabilize and support the area, at an additional cost of \$935.00; (5) Jeff will propose a deduction for leaving the facilities as they are in the public restroom. Les suggested putting the mop sink there, rather than across the building. Jeff thought it a good idea. (6) replace the planned half wall at the reception desk, with a cabinet and top for an additional \$498.00; (7) Kumfer is still waiting for a quote to finish window sills. Jeff noted that some wood trim around the windows isn't completed, and there's damaged plaster where the old windows were removed. These aren't part of the DT Construction contract. He advised DT to film existing damage upon their arrival. Les moved for the contractor to proceed with securing the ceiling at \$935.00, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners will study the other proposals, while Kumfer prepares change orders. With no further business, the meeting recessed.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST:

Carol Stefanatos, Auditor