

September 20, 2004

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with Les Templin absent for medical tests. Darle Dawes moved approval of the 9/13 minutes as written, second by Brian, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. They reviewed the Treasurer's August report and the Weights and Measures monthly report. Darle moved approval of additional work on Memorial Hall windows, totaling \$4880.00, second by Brian, and passed. Included is (1) \$3,580. for 2 curved glass windows; (2) \$300. for soffitt replacement; (3) \$400. for new insulated glass in the Judicial Center entrance; and (4) \$600. for reset and bracing of sandstone above upper and north side triple windows. The Auditor will do an additional appropriation request for the next Co. Council meeting. Brian and Darle signed a letter authorizing the Co. Treasurer to sign documents to facilitate completion of a Letter of Credit for the county. The Auditor and Treasurer are talking with Wells Fargo Bank officials, to make sure all paperwork is in order before it is signed. EMA director, Bob Brown, reports he's checking options for one of his vehicles that isn't operable. The Sheriff and Probation Chief, Dallas Duggan, have asked for a meeting with him, regarding using his space by October. He'll update Commissioners following the meeting. Mr. Duggan reports he will need to ask Council for an additional \$2,000.00, needed for telephone and computer wiring in Memorial Hall and connection with the Judicial Center. He says the project is at least one week behind schedule. Co. Assessor, Kelly Schenkel, says the fax machine in her office, and used by all courthouse employees, indicates it needs a new toner cartridge and is jamming frequently. She just bought a cartridge last spring for \$214.00, and it couldn't have run 15,000. copies this soon. She could buy another cartridge, call for service or get quotes for a new unit. Commissioners asked Kelly to gather information before they spent money on this unit. Darle designated Brian to respond to the Coroner's request for office space in the courthouse. Brian feels it would be more productive to add a phone line at her residence, wondering how often she would be in her office. After receipt of a letter from the Co. Health Department, explaining why they would prefer not to be tied to the lowest quoted vehicle, Darle moved to support their explanation and proceed with an additional appropriation request to buy a Jeep Liberty, second by Brian, and passed. The letter indicates the Liberty is cheaper to insure than the lower cost Chevrolet Equinox, because it's not new on the market, and the Liberty has a higher ground clearance. The Pontiac Aztec only has a 7.2 inch ground clearance, and wouldn't be suitable for travel on uncut and unpaved drives. David Wrightsman with Energy Systems Group, a subsidiary of Vectron, says his company does guaranteed energy savings projects, and would be glad to work with the county on a project. These savings are available for any energy consuming device.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: The chip and seal work is completed, with 185.5 miles done. They also did 2 miles of double chip & seal. Altogether they used 95 loads of asphalt and 2 loads of MC-30. He asked about a notice of plans to increase the assessment on the T.E. Bolly ditch project, which is primarily in Miami County. Darle says a meeting is set for next Monday to discuss dredging an area, but no plans are set. Rumors have indicated the assessment would jump from \$.43 per acre to \$4.20. North Central Cooperative sent a letter indicating they will contribute toward road repairs around the New Schoonebeek dairy, but Larry hasn't gotten a check yet. E & B Paving has milled bad asphalt on Old Rd. 15 S, and new intermediate and surface asphalt will be laid, but the project won't be done by the end of September. He received notice of permission to proceed with retaining wall repairs at Treaty Creek on Old Rd. 15 S, and R.L. McCoy starts work today. Jim Deahl with Butler, Fairman & Seufert Engineers (BF&S), recommends the county accept the \$48,190.00 proposal for compensation to Kellam Kids Farm Trust, as part of the DNR project on CR 950 S. The price of lumber rises weekly. Commissioners signed the agreement for Just Compensation in the amount of \$48,190.00. Ralph Bolinger of 8949 N St. Rd. 15, told Commissioners he plans to subdivide some ground in Lagro Township into 6 lots. Barrie Bunnell is doing a survey, and soil tests are complete on the 2+ acre wooded lots. He wants to build the road to county specifications, including a turn-around at the back. Commissioners thanked Mr. Bolinger for talking with them early in the planning phase, and Larry gave him a copy of the road specifications.

Memorial Hall Renovation: Jeff Kumfer with Scearce/Rudisel Architects presented Change Order # 3 for a deduction of \$200.00 to leave the existing plumbing fixtures in one bathroom, and locate a janitor sink in that room. Darle moved to approve Change Order # 3, second by Brian, and passed. Jeff says the project is about two weeks behind schedule, and looks for completion around November 1st. Darle urged Jeff to keep pressure on the contractors to finish the job. There is a progress meeting this afternoon at 1:00 P.M. and Brian plans to attend. With no further business, the meeting recessed.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST:

Carol Stefanatos, Auditor