Commissioner Chairman, Brian Haupert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 12/13 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. They reviewed the Treasurer's November Report and the Judicial Center/Jail custodian hours. Les moved to approve a bond for Christa Stroup, Circuit Court Administrator, beginning in 2005, second by Darle, and passed. Brian signed acceptance on the bond, and the Auditor will get it recorded. Les moved to sign an amendment to the 1996-7 Animal Control Ordinance. Board attorney, Robert McCallen, had changed the penalty to a maximum of \$500.00 as requested, and deleted any references to "city", using "county" instead. After Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, advised that a liability clause added to an agreement between the county and Maximus, wasn't much of a concern, based on what Maximus does for the county, Brian signed that contract for a three year term thru 2006. Maximus agrees to develop a central services cost allocation plan that identifies costs incurred by the county to support and administer Federal and State programs. The county agrees to pay \$7,250.00 annually for the service. After review and recommendation by Co. Clerk, Lori Draper, Les moved to sign the 2005 maintenance agreement with CSI (Computer Systems, Inc), in the amount of \$14, 500.00, second by Darle, and passed. CSI provides software for the Clerk, Courts, and Probation. The fee is paid quarterly. After learning from the State Board of Accounts that local policy should be followed, as there aren't any state regulations on severance pay for those leaving county employment, Les moved approval to encumber Nancy Laudenschlager's settlement for accrued vacation and sick days, for payment in 2005, second by Darle, it passed. Les says he has inventoried the 5,286 books in the Law Library, and sent the information to a firm in Chicago that will try to sell them. Les says some of the books are already advertised on the internet. Sheriff, Leroy Striker, reports there are 95 in jail this morning, and he had no other business to bring before Commissioners today. Moake Park Architects, represented by Molly O'Conner, thanked Commissioners for the opportunity to work on jail renovations for the Community Corrections program. There will be a pre-bid construction meeting on 12/22, and the bid deadline is 1/10/05. Notices for bidding will be advertised 12/22 and 29.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry shared a picture of the planned railing for Bridge # 13, and Commissioners accepted the proposal. Larry said trucks hauling stone and concrete are damaging CR 100 E, between CR 300 N and CR 400 N, where a hog barn is being constructed. He recommends Commissioners or the Co. Plan Commission establish guidelines and restrictions to help defray repair costs. Fulton Co. has a program, although other surrounding counties don't, at this time. Brian suggested the county require permits for all construction, and Les agreed. They will talk with Plan Commissioner, Chad Dilling.

Bob Brown, EMA director: Bob has everything moved from the jail except the co-ax antenna and a couple amateur operator antenna's that have to be relocated to the courthouse. He says volunteers will place the amateur antenna's. He hasn't done any extra wiring in his courthouse offices, yet, as he hopes the area across the hall will be available to him by February, and he can have all his work done at once. Les said jail custodian, Dick Smith has removed the old radiators from the Law Library, as the first step toward renovation to relocate basement offices upstairs, and commended Smith's hard work. Bob told Commissioners he has a plan established for tracking keys given to volunteers, for access to EMA offices. With no further business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be January 3, 2005.

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