The Executive Session of the Board of Commissioners was held at 3:30 p.m. Present were Commissioner Bundy, Commissioner Stewart, Commissioner McKinley, Attorney Allen and Auditor Sullivan. Only pending litigation and personnel matters were discussed.

The Regular Session was called to order by President Bundy with all other members in attendance. Minutes of the previous session were read and approved. Claims totaling in the amount of $298,342.94 were reviewed and unanimously allowed. Items on the agenda were as follows:

SALEM JAYCEES

Mr. William Woods did not appear.

SEALED BIDS/SURPLUS FURNITURE

Attorney Allen opened and read aloud the following sealed bids for surplus furniture:

State Democrat Party c/o Loren Myers
#1-$20.00
#2-$20.00
#3-$20.00
#4-$10.00
#5-$10.00

Sadie Brock
#2-$10.00

Earlene Silverthorn
#2-$20.50

Lee Henry Peugh
#5-$5.00

Brian Kenworthy
#2-$26.50

Edith Cooper
#1-$20.50

After reviewing all bids, Commissioner Stewart made a motion to award the bids as follows:

#1-Edith Cooper-$20.50
#2-Brian Kenworthy-$26.50
#3-State Democrat Party c/o Loren Myers-$20.00
#4-State Democrat Party c/o Loren Myers-$10.00
#5-State Democrat Party c/o Loren Myers-$10.00

Commissioner McKinley seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

FLEENORTOWN RESIDENTS

June Voyles appeared before the Board to present additional photographs, letters and questions concerning the proposed stockyard facility. Attorney Allen suggested that the County Health Board review the matters as presented by Ms. Voyles. President Bundy mentioned that his concerns included: locating a facility on a gravel road, the elevation of manure containment which is alluded to in the proposed health ordinance, and changing the structure of the Health Board. (e.g. monthly meetings, increase in funding and hire additional staff)

The Fleenortown residents inquired about a time frame when the proposed health ordinance would be considered. The Commissioners mentioned that they had not been given a recommendation from the health board, therefore, a time frame has not been determined.

Washington County Health Board Member, Dr. Donald Martin mentioned that there had never been an official request for the Health Board to review any proposed documents.

The Commissioners advised the Fleenortown residents that they would ask the Board of Health to begin examining the proposed ordinance and its terms in order to determine whether or not an ordinance of this fashion would be beneficial to all of Washington County. Attorney Allen agreed to address this formal request to the Board of Health.

READ FARM-FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

Auditor Sullivan presented the approval form for the Read Farm from the Franklin Township Subdivision Plat Advisory Committee. The Board held discussion with Steve Aulbach concerning Rule 5 issues, Property owners association and County road specifications.

Commissioner Bundy made a motion to approve the Read Farm Plat. Commissioner McKinley seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

ANNEX AND COURTHOUSE ROOF

Auditor Sullivan emphasized the water damage dilemma in the Courthouse Annex and asked for guidance as to how to remedy the problem. President Bundy agreed to consult with Terry Cottongim of Cottongim Enterprises to have a set of roof specifications prepared. After reviewing the specifications, the Commissioners will then discuss what alternatives will be taken.

Also, the Board asked Auditor Sullivan to contact Animal Control Officer, Randy Lee, and ask him to clean the Courthouse gutters on a monthly basis. Highway Superintendent Orville Gilbert said that he would furnish one employee from the Highway Department to help clean the Courthouse gutters.

INDOT RAILROAD AGREEMENT

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to execute the grant agreement with INDOT for improving railroad crossings in Washington County. Commissioner McKinley seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

COMMISSIONER MEETING TIMES

Commissioner McKinley made a motion to change their regular session meeting times beginning March 20, 2000. The executive session on the first Monday of the month will begin at 9:45 a.m. with the open session beginning at 10:45 a.m. The executive session on the third Monday of the month will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the open session beginning at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Bundy seconded the motion. The motion passed 2-1.

The Board instructed Auditor Sullivan to advertise the change.