The Executive Session of the Board of Commissioners was held at 8:30 AM. Present were Commissioner Bundy, Commissioner McKinley, Commissioner Stewart, 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 $54,739.46 were reviewed. Claims totaling $52,739.46 were unanimously approved. Claim #21, totaling $2,000.00 was held until further review could be completed.

Items on the agenda were as follows:

EDA GRANT #06-01-04418 INDUSTRIAL PARK INFRASTRUCTURE & IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Commissioner McKinley, upon the recommendation of the Washington County Economic Growth Partnership, Inc. made a motion to approve the award of the engineering inspection services contract for the Washington County Industrial Park Economic Development Administration Project to Saegesser Engineering for $55,000. The Commissioners also authorized the County Commissioner President to execute said contract contingent upon approval by the County Attorney and by River Hills Economic Development District. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve the award of the Administration Services contract for the Washington County Industrial Park Economic Development Administration Project to River Hills EDD and RPC for $65,000. The Commissioners also authorized the County Commissioner President to execute said contract contingent upon approval by the County Attorney. Commissioner McKinley seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

COURTHOUSE ANNEX

Commissioner McKinley made a motion to allow Bob Ritz to design the specifications for certain repairs t the Courthouse Annex and declared this an emergency situation. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

JAMES COCKERILL

Roxanne Cockerill appeared before the Board to request a family waiver on Lot #3 of the Seymour Sullivan Subdivision which is located in Jefferson Township. Ms. Cockerill explained that she wanted to divide Lot #3 (27.335ac) by allowing her son to purchase 10 acres of the total 27.335 acres. The Commissioners ask that Ms. Cockerill provide proof of an agreement for the upkeep of the driveway and bring a copy of the deed to illustrate how Lot #3 was divided. Furthermore, Commissioner Stewart made a motion to grant the Cockerill Family a waiver on Lot #3 of the Seymour Sullivan Subdivision. Commissioner McKinley seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

MIDDLE FORK ROAD

Paula Balentine, Peggy Blevins and Ryan Watson appeared before the Board to discuss their concerns of the upkeep of Middle Fork Road. Ms. Balentine explained that she would like the County to take the road over and maintain it. Attorney Allen reiterated to the public that a road must be brought up to County specifications before it can be entered into the County Highway System. Other discussion included the school system making the decision if a bus will travel down a private road.

Attorney Allen suggested that the Property Owners Association hold a meeting and discuss the repairs that are needed on the road. Furthermore, while noting the wording on the Balentine's contract, Attorney Allen mentioned that a small claim suit could be filed if someone doesn't pay their share.

In conclusion, the Board and Attorney Allen agreed to assist Ms. Balentine and Mr. Watson in setting up a meeting to resolve the matter.

Also, Ms. Balentine and Mr. Watson agreed to discuss the County Road Specifications with the Highway Superintendent, Orville Gilbert.

RATTS CEMETARY ROAD

Guy Pollock appeared before the Boars requesting that the name of Ratts Cemetary Road be changed to one of the following:

Ratt Road
Pollock Cemetary Road
Wilson Road

Mr. Pollock presented a petition of neighbors who indicated their road name preference.

911 Coordinator, Kristi Campbell was contacted. Ms. Campbell mentioned that there is already a County Road with the name of Wilson Road. Also, there is a Leval Ratts Road.

With no further discussion, Commissioner Stewart made a motion to change the road name of Ratts Cemetary Road to Ratts Road. Commissioner McKinley seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. Mr. Pollock was in agreement with this decision.

BRIDGE 20002

Rex Jones with WTH Engineering discussed the 80/20 Transportation Enhancement Project for Bridge 20002. Mr. Jones explained that the $308,800 of Federal Funds would enable this bridge to convert from a 3 ton to a 12 ton which would allow school buses to travel across. Mr. Jones indicated that the County's portion to restore this bridge would be approximately $77,200. This restoration does not include widening the bridge. After some discussion, Commissioner Bundy made a motion to proceed with the request for proposal process. Commissioner McKinley seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. The RFP opening date was set for November 6, 2000 at 9:30 AM. Auditor Sullivan agreed to advertise and mail out the notices.

TONY LEWIS

Mr. Lewis did not appear.

EARL BABBITT

Mr. Babbitt appeared before the Board to request a variance for the County's Internal Road Ordinance. Mr. Babbitt explained that he is building homes on Miller Sawmill Road and would like to install three driveways to service the development. After reviewing the survey, Commissioner McKinley made a motion to grant Mr. Babbitt a variance from the County's Road Ordinance and allow three driveways, rather than six driveways. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

CANTON ALLEY CLOSURE

Attorney John Mead and Rick Pennington appeared before the Board to discuss certain actions taken by residents

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT - SEALCOATING

Sheriff Claude Combs presented a proposal for sealcoating the parking lot at the Detention Center from Nu-Seal of America. The Board ask Sheriff Combs to ask Nelson's Asphalt and Scott Newcomb to submit a proposal for the same job. The Board gave Sheriff Combs authorization to select the lowest, most responsive proposal for the work.

TEN COMMANDMENTS

Duane Cleghorn appeared before the Board to request the use of the Courtyard on October 22, 2000 from 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM to hold a ralley for the Ten Commandments. Mr. Cleghorn also requested the use of a public address system, podium and the ability to hang banners on the Courthouse. Mr. Cleghorn explained that it was his hope to have a peaceful, public gathering for people to hear speeches from the elected officials and others about the importance of the Ten Commandments to our society. The Board was appreciative but hesitant to Mr. Cleghorn's request due to the current litigation concerning the Ten Commandments. After some discussion, the Board announced that a public address system was not available, banners shall not be hung and the Courtyard may be used for 30 minutes as a starting point for the ralley. This 30 minutes period will take place anytime between 2:30 PM and 3:30 PM. The Board suggested that the people move to Depauw Park or the Fairgrounds for continuation of the gathering.

With there being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned.

Joseph Bundy

Dale McKinley

Kevin Stewart

ATTEST: Lana Sullivan
Lana Sullivan