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### Commission Reports

Commissioner Richer reported that new projects were proposed at the Snyderville Basin Planning Commission meeting last evening that will be of interest to communities in the west side of the County.

Chair Woolstenhulme reported that he spoke with County Health Director Steve Jenkins this morning regarding the West Nile virus. A Board of Health meeting is scheduled this evening, and Chair Woolstenhulme stated that he would try to attend that meeting.

### Other Department Business

Kevin Callahan reported on drainage issues in the Silver Springs subdivision. The subdivision was developed 25 years ago on a low lying area with a high water table, and a pipe drainage system was installed along the rear property lines. At that time, the Commission had concerns about how the system would function and required the developer to provide a bond. He has tried to determine whether the County is indemnified and noted that neither the plat map nor acceptance of the subdivision dedicate the drainage system to the County, which would seem to indicate that the County is not liable. He is checking to be sure that the County complied with all the requirements regarding drainage around the new homes. Although this is a homeowners responsibility, he wanted the Commissioners to be aware of the concerns and attempts being made to address the issue. He clarified that the plat map refers to dedicating all public lands, but there is a non-exclusive utility and drainage easement at the rear of the property that is not dedicated. Commissioner Richer asked if the citizens are requesting information or action. Public Works Superintendent Mark Offret replied that people want the problem solved because their crawl spaces are flooding. No one has a map, and access has been buried by grass and trees. Chair Woolstenhulme cautioned that, if the County has no liability, they should be careful about taking action to resolve the problem.

Mr. Offret recalled that he submitted a bid last September for a new grader. The bid was not included in this year's budget because he hoped to be able to use the old grader for another year. The cost to fix the old grader is \$25,000. He referred to the lease agreement and noted that they can lease the new machine now and purchase it next year after it is budgeted. Wheeler Machinery Company will stand by the bid and allow the County to buy out the lease next year. Chair Woolstenhulme noted that the grader would cost \$88,620 on a five-year lease. Mr. Offret explained that County Auditor Blake Frazier would prefer to lease the grader now and pay it off next year to avoid the extra \$2,000 per year charge on the five-year lease. The lease would be signed now and put in arrears so there will be no payment now. When the budget is set for next year, the grader lease will be paid off. Chair Woolstenhulme stated that he would be comfortable with this approach provided all the terms are in writing.