

February 1, 1999

Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order in the Commissioners Conference Room of the courthouse at 9:00 a.m. with all members present. Minutes of the 1/25 meeting were approved as written, moved by Les, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Accounts Payable Voucher Register, and reviewed the Clerk's Monthly Report, the Monthly Financial Report and the Jail/Memorial Hall custodian hours. They noted a settlement offer in the Barshney lawsuit and approved and signed a consent to assign Mid America Cable Systems L.P. to Galaxy American Communications, L.L.C. Darle moved approval to allow the Animal Control Board to use \$1,000. from Commissioner Account #310, Professional Services, for potential Attorney fees incurred in enforcing the Animal Control Ordinance adopted in 1996. Second by Les, the motion passed, with the understanding that next year the funds should come from the Animal Control Board budget instead of the county budget. Les moved approval of the bond for Circuit Court Clerk, JoAnn Hettmansperger, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners noted Larry Rice was absent, due to a family death and Tom Mattern was vacationing.

Judge Dan Vanderpool presented an estimate from Winters Construction to repair walls, windowsills, baseboards and the fireplace mantle in the jury room in the amount of \$3,000. His single estimate, didn't include funds for painting or new carpet, but the table has already been refinished and new chairs purchased. Judge Vanderpool anticipates help from the jail for final painting. Commissioners feel these things would have to be done when the courthouse is remodeled, and Les moved approval of the request with the stipulation that the contractor talk with Commissioners so they get a better understanding of what he plans to do and what materials will be used. Second by Darle, and passed, Commissioners told Judge Vanderpool, carpeting might have to wait until the building is renovated, as many offices need floor repairs.

Mrs. Richard (Elsie) Strickler of Berkley Drive in Wabash, fears plans for a drainage ditch thru a utility easement behind her property will increase her flooding problems if it's completed before the county completes a planned retention pond on a farm field east of the subdivision to help the area. Commissioners, who aren't involved in the city's phase, and say hearings haven't even been held yet to approve the pond project, suggest she advise city officials of her concern. In another water matter, Marsha Strickler who lives on River Road, had pictures of plugged culverts and ditches filled in by farming. She says if these were reopened, the neighborhood would at least have some place to pump their standing water. Commissioners will talk with Larry Rice, but did ask how the neighborhood would feel about ditches in their front yards.

Pat Dubois advised Commissioners she did about \$400. worth of damage to her car last Tuesday when she couldn't avoid a pot hole on Old St. Rd. 15 near CR 500 S. She said neighbors had notified authorities, but the hole hadn't been filled. However it was fixed shortly after she notified the Sheriff of her damage. She had damage last year from a pot hole in the same area, and her collision insurance is \$500. deductible, so they're no help. Commissioners noted that the county doesn't have a budget for this, and fear people would abuse the policy, if they set up a fund. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian Hauptert, Chairman

Darle Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor