

May 3, 1999

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Conference Room in the courthouse. Minutes of the 4/26 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket, the Payroll Check Register, the Accounts Payable Voucher register and the Annual Report of Congressional Common School and Permanent Endowment Funds for the year ending 4/30/99. Commissioners signed the guaranty contract for the courthouse roof membrane work completed 3/2/99. They reviewed the BENICOMP monthly report and a letter from Haywood Printing Co. stating they're equipment is year 2000 compliant. They also learned the state legislature passed Road & Street funding of \$100 million a year over the next two years, along with an emergency funding law for state Emergency Management Agencies, although no funds were allocated.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway dept.: He's glad to be back to work for his first day, they're installing culvert pipe, still patching roads and things are going well. Brian says the state will be in touch with Larry concerning heavy equipment traveling county roads during construction of new U.S. Rd. 24 from St. Rd. 13 east to Huntington County. Heard from Eldon Stephan that the bridge on Tillman Rd. on the Whitley Co. line, needs fixed. Larry Rice will look at it, as it has been worked on since the floods last July.

Chad Dilling, Plan Commissioner, said he found record of approval to build a fence on the Bond-Flex property in Laketon, but not where it's currently located, in the Commissioner Minutes for 6/19/89. Chad didn't find record of a variance allowing encroachment on the road right-of-way. Chad has also received complaints of an unsafe building on the north east corner of Washington and Dover Streets in Lagro. Darle will look at the building. Brian asked Chad to check a property in Speicherville that's accumulating a lot of junk.

Paul Bergman, Emergency Management director, reports the April 27 seminar was well attended and informative. He says local school districts are working on disaster plans.

Tom Mattern, Commissioner Attorney, reviewed the proposal for roof repairs to the Prosecutor's building, and it clearly indicates the repairs are for 33 W. Canal St. (Prosecutor office). Tom thinks the county is obligated to pay for the roof, based on the agreement between the county and the Prosecutor for repairs, maintenance and rent. Commissioners might negotiate payment of alternate option #2, which is \$800. to flash the exposed side wall. Les said the Prosecutor asked for additional estimates, but only one company responded. Tom said notice may be given 30 days before contract renewal in January, by either party, if they want to renegotiate the agreement, but warned changes could present new problems. Les moved approval of the county paying the roofing costs, based on the only bid submitted, second by Darle, and passed. Regarding the E-911 equipment upgrade agreement with GTE, Tom says he's asked for additional information from GTE. The new agreement will be an enhancement of the original contract signed in 1990, with an effective date in June 1999. They also discussed an addendum to the contract requesting quarterly reports of address changes compatible with the Plan Commission computer system. Tom says normally the owner has the liability responsibility, and hasn't found any language in the original contract that addresses the liability issue.

John Speidel, Jr. of Butler, Fairman & Seufert will look into options to facilitate traffic flow at the Columbus St./Wabash St. intersection during construction of the new Carroll St. bridge. Speidel says plan changes are targeted for completion this month, and they're working with IN Dept. of Transportation to speed up the turn around time for design approval, so bids may be let in October, with construction beginning possibly with in 30 days. John said he should be here on May 17th with right-of-way information for the Old St. Rd. 15 project. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian Hauptert, Chairman

Darle Dawes

Lester Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor