

June 28, 1999

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the courthouse with all members attending. Minutes of the 6/21 meeting were approved as written, moved by Les, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. They reviewed the Treasurer's Monthly Report. They learned the 6/25 Surplus Auction grossed \$737. before auctioneer, Mark Metzger, gets his 15%. Commissioners reviewed an estimate of \$170. from Indiana Pest Control to eliminate drain flies in the courthouse basement, and told the Auditor to schedule the treatment. Darle moved to deny E.O. Pownall's request that the county complete about 300 feet of undeveloped roadway in Lake View Estates, second by Les, and passed. The completion by the county of the existing road in Lake View Estates was due to special circumstances that don't exist in this case. The county would accept responsibility for a completed road that meets county specifications. Deb Schneider, director of the Wabash Co. Council on Ageing, presented a request for \$12,000. from the county for her 2000 budget. Commissioners budgeted \$9,000. for 1999, but Mrs. Schneider says more is needed this year since the transit program volume has increased 15% since April 1st, and the federal grant must be matched locally. ARC (Assn. for Retarded Citizens) will eliminate their transit system, and use the public transit system Mrs. Schneider over-sees. She has coordinated efforts as much as possible, including handling the over flow of the Area 5 program for the handicapped. She's exploring becoming more involved with TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) patrons. Trula Frank, director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau, presented her 2000 budget, and Les moved to approve Trula's budget, second by Darle, and passed. Ann Gillespie, Co. Treasurer, agreed with Commissioners to add a charge of \$1.00 for generating "C" copies of tax statements, to her contract with lenders next year. They receive both the "A" and "B" copies, but don't send both copies with their payments so they have a stamped receipt, then Ann has to make them a "C" receipt. Also. rather than charging a fee for research requests, Commissioners suggest that Ann decline to do the searches. Les asked Ann if the Reconstruction Ditch program is working properly yet, and she said she will test it and report back. The county still isn't paying the monthly software support fee. County Assessor, Kelly Schenkel, spoke with Commissioners about the re-assessment due to begin this year. The last comprehensive (buildings measured) work was done in 1989, and cost about \$245,000., while a "drive-by" update was done around 1995 for about \$192,000. Kelly will check with neighboring counties to learn the cost and year of their most recent "full blown" re-assessment. Emergency Management director, Paul Bergman, told Commissioners he has asked the state for "disaster" flood maps. After review, Les moved to approve the 2000 CEDIT budget prepared by WEDCOR director, Bill Bradley, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners also reviewed and signed the Hospital Bond budget for 2000. They talked with John Speidel Jr. of Butler, Fairman & Seufert about the success of the two public meetings on the Old St. Rd. 15 S project. Several property owners haven't picked up their information packets, so Commissioners will either contact them personally, or mail the packets. Speidel said engineer, Jim Hamilton, is moving ahead with plans to acquire additional permanent and temporary right-of-way on the north phase, as they'd like to move ahead with the project. Heard from Lawrence Hively that trees are obstructing the view at the intersection of CR 800 W and CR 1100 N. Commissioners will have it checked.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Department: Chip & seal is continuing, as well as mowing. The calcium work is completed. Larry says \$60,000. was appropriated and encumbered last year for the Liberty Twp. Bridge # 51 project, so he needs a decision on the size of the structure and what contractor will get the job. Les moved to have DebCo Metal Culverts furnish the materials and install the 35-D box structure with a 72.3 sq. ft. opening at a cost of \$50,800., second by Darle, and passed. Pierceton Trucking looked at CR 175 E, and suggest they underseal it. That's pumping high temperature asphalt at high pressure, under the surface of the road to raise and smooth it. Larry would like to see a job in progress and learn the life expectancy. He talked with Plan Commissioner, Chad Dilling, about identifying the parts of U.S. 24 E that will become access roads when the new dual highway is completed. They will have to be identified as public roads so property owners may receive public services. There was an accident recently on the curve at CR 1450 N and CR 400 E. that ended in a private yard. The owner would like to see guardrails installed for her children's safety. Larry will look at the area, but he thinks warning signs or reflectors would be a better choice, although there's no perfect solution.

Terry Burnworth of Prince/Alexander Architects proposed a schedule of fees thru 1999 for the justice building, with construction beginning in December. He says bonds wouldn't be sold prior to the bids coming in, and about \$208,000. would be needed for expenses, including \$200,000. for architect fees (\$140,000. for the building & \$60,000. for the heating, cooling & ventilation, HVAC, system). He said Commissioners need to select a local person to manage the project as a "clerk of the works", or he will provide one. The salary for the anticipated 13 month job should be about \$50,000. Terry would be on-site at least once a week during the construction phase, and does a one year warranty tour eleven months after the project is complete to check for problems. He will get quotes to hire a financial advisor and bond counsel for the Commissioners. Terry left a copy of the contract for attorney, Tom Mattern, to review, and said an addendum could be added that would allow Prince/Alexander to arrange a temporary parking plan during the construction phase. Les moved to proceed with the estimated 3.7 million project, contingent upon financing and contract approval, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners will ask for an additional appropriation of \$308,000. at the July 19th Co. Council meeting to get the project started. With no further business, they adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle Dawes

Lester D. Templin

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor