

July 19, 1999

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order in the Wabash County Courthouse, with all members present. Minutes of the 7/12 meeting were approved with the spelling correction of dam, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the Jail/Memorial Hall custodian hours, learned the acquisition of Marcus Cable Co. by Charter Communications was completed 4/8/99, but will retain the Marcus Cable name. They learned from a report done by the Soil & Water Conservation District, that there are still signs of erosion and off site sedimentation problems at the Wabash Valley Landfill, but progress is being made. Commissioners told Chad Dilling, Plan Commissioner, they still maintain the platform that encroaches county road right-of-way isn't acceptable, in response to the latest query from Bond Flex in Laketon. Brian noted he met with Co. Prosecutor, Alfred Plummer, and they agreed to continue with the current lease agreement for Prosecutor office space. Heard from Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, that after reviewing proposals for the judicial building project, he would recommend Therber, Brock and Kramer, Inc. as the financial advisor, since they were the only company that indicated their services continue for the duration of the bond. Tom also recommends Ice, Miller, Donadio & Ryan as the bond counsel because they are a reputable firm with the lowest estimate. Brian is concerned their proposal may be too low, and we'll incur added costs. No decision was made today. Tom will review the Intelenet contract with AT & T for long distance phone service. This is part of an umbrella agreement between the State of Indiana and AT & T, made available to local government.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: 66 miles of chip & seal are completed. Larry noted CR 300 E, north of Lagro will be closed for the duration of the U.S. 24 E road construction. Commissioners signed papers to retrieve \$1,000. for road damages from an unofficial detour in Wabash Co. for a project in Huntington Co. Larry said two requests to bury cable were okay, and Commissioners signed. The SPRINT request is: east for 400 ft. on CR 1200 S from America Road, and the GTE request is on CR 400 W, south of St. Rd. 114 to CR 1100 N for the Lawrence Hively residence. Les moved approval of both requests, second by Darle, and passed. Larry says a concrete box is deteriorating on CR 700 W just north of CR 400 N. It's been patched, but needs replaced. He's got measurements and will do some pricing for an aluminum box. Larry introduced Keith Sturtzenberg of Discover Volvo Trucks, who encouraged proper use of trucks by increasing the axle rating and not overloading. He left information, and would be glad to sell the county a Volvo truck. Larry reviewed and compared the truck and equipment estimates received last week, and following discussion, Les moved to accept Denney's quote of \$48,798. for a GMC truck and the Northern Equipment quote of \$20,765.10 for the underbody, second by Darle, and passed. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian Hauptert, Chairman

Darle Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor