

August 9, 1999

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order in the courthouse at 9:00 a.m. with all members present. Minutes of the 8/2 meeting were approved as written, moved by Darle, second by Brian, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. They reviewed the Monthly Financial Report for July. Les noted that Ron Rife, who had looked at needed repairs in the courthouse, has been having health problems, and we had better get someone else to do the work. In response to a letter from attorney, Stephen Downs, indicating all members of the Wabash Co. Hospital Association Directors board were agreeable to re-appointments, Les moved to re-appoint each one for a four year term, second by Darle, and passed. Since some terms have expired, and they are staggered, the schedule is: Norman Little thru 12/2001, Amy Turner thru 6/2003, Ed Knafel thru 1/2003, Bob Hoover thru 6/2001 and Bill Anderson thru 1/2002. Les moved to sign a one year contract with Intelenet for long distance phone service for county offices, second by Darle, and passed. This program is available to local government thru a state umbrella agreement. Les moved to accept the bond counsel proposal of Ice, Miller, Donadio & Ryan, not to exceed \$8,700. for the judicial building project, second by Darle, and passed. Brian will talk to Municipal Consultants representatives again, before a decision is made for a financial advisor. Jim Hamilton and John Speidel, Jr. with Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Inc. talked with Commissioners about progress on right-of-way acquisition on Old St. Rd. 15 S. Jim will send a sample partial release form to First Federal Savings Bank for their approval. Mr. Templin has contacted many of the property owners, and met with several, to explain the project plans. To date, 21 right-of-way grants to the county have been processed.

5311 Transportation Grant: Deb Schneider of the Wabash Co. Council on Aging, and Nancy Hoffman of the Assoc. for Retarded Citizens, appeared to get approval for the 2000 grant application. Commissioners and their attorney, Tom Mattern, signed. Mr. Hauptert and Co. Auditor, Carol Stefanatos, signed Resolution 1999-6 which authorizes grant application.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: 108 miles of chip & seal completed. Old St. Rd. 24 W will need chip & seal work about next year, so Larry suggests waiting until that's done to do road striping. Larry got 3 estimates to eliminate carpenter bees in a building owned by the 4-H fair board, but on highway ground, and used by the department most of the year. American Pest Doctors suggest a \$300. treatment with two follow-ups, IN Pest Control estimates \$120. for an initial visit plus \$45. per follow-up, and Arrow Pest Control bid \$275. for initial treatment, plus free follow-ups within 6 months. Brian suggests waiting until next spring, now, and Larry will see if prices would still be good next spring. Larry says contractors plan to replace the bridge on CR 600 E, just off New U.S. 24 E, with a concrete box, unless the county objects. There's also an abandoned bridge there that should come down, and we may want to bargain with the state on its removal. Also, today or tomorrow, CR 650 E will be closed down. The structure for bridge # 51 in Liberty Township is here, waiting for Larry to get installation plans set. CR 300 E, for the first mile south of Servia, is rough with 5 or 6 humps at the joints. Larry had suggested underseal work for this one (pumping hot mix under the surface), but he hasn't seen a job in progress yet. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Brian Hauptert, Chairman

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor