

May 13, 2002

Commissioner Vice Chairman, Darle Dawes, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with Brian Hauptert absent. Minutes of the 5/6 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the Judicial Center/Jail custodian hours and a notice from the Animal Control Board of their intent to build a small animal crematory incinerator. Les moved to approve Resolution 2002-IV, allowing Treasurer, Lu Ann Layman to open and manage an Overland Treasury Money Market Account at Wells Fargo Bank, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners signed the annual School Fund report required by the state. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, reminds the pre-trial hearing on the Old St. Rd. 15 S lawsuit is 5/15 at 8:30 A.M. He will ask the court to address both suits at the same time, and says the trial date may be as late as October Chad Dilling, Plan Commission director, talked with his attorney, and was advised because right-of-way is involved, the Commissioners could create a rural mail box ordinance. Larry Rice is waiting for the post office to respond to his request for their regulations Les moved to sign Resolution 2002-V, supporting the application for a 5311 Transportation grant for 2003, and a letter of intent to apply for the grant, second by Darle, and passed. Deb Schneider, director of the Council on Aging, will process the application and manage the program. She says they plan a rate increase from \$2.00 to \$3.00 for users outside the City of Wabash, as they look for additional ways to become more efficient. Commissioners told James Weaver, President of Hoosier Heartland Corridor and Chris Martin, WEDCOR director, they will talk with Brian before acting on their request for \$4,000. in both 2002 and 2003, a show of support for progress with the U.S. 24 corridor project. Weaver says any support would be appreciated. Commissioners approved payment of claims submitted by the Co. Agent in excess of \$100.00. They include \$122.60 for advertisement of a job opening, and \$230. for blinds necessitated by the heating cooling system ductwork. Les moved approval for Emergency Management director, Bob Brown, to purchase two used radio's for his department at \$180. each, second by Darle, and passed. Funds for one will come from his annual budget, and the second from another of his funds. Commissioners will store 24 wood folding chairs in the courthouse, as Memorial Hall departments want them moved or sold. Commissioners approved the loan of an early Honeywell thermostat, from the museum inventory, to Trula Frank, Convention and Visitors Bureau director. She wants to display it at an upcoming convention. Commissioners are expecting to get a full report from Micro-Vote on election day malfunctions. Les also got some complaints about the machine set up. The paper wasn't properly aligned, making it hard to locate the correct button for one's candidate choice. Commissioners will hold on releasing funds to Stephens Fabrication until they're sure fence painting isn't part of the contract. Commissioners also want to discuss some heating/cooling system discrepancies with Quality Electric and Havel Brothers.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Roger Linsmeyer and Max Meyer asked Commissioners to maintain CR 175 E for farming access to the Wolf Levine property. Linsmeyer, Trustee of the Raye Wolf Levine Trust, says the Trust would donate ground for a turn-around. CR 175 E will be on the list of Lagro Township roads suggested for closure, so Commissioners will address the request at the June 24th hearings, set for 1:30 P.M. Commissioners agreed to a temporary fix of # 1 or # 2 stone, provided by the property owner. Larry says the Dept. of Natural Resources and the Agricultural Service Center may change their plans for resolving the water problem on CR 100 S around the Klare and Vanderpool properties. They may place a riser in the Vanderpool yard where the deepest water stands. Commissioners are frustrated that this problem hasn't been resolved. Larry says a request from SPRINT to bury cable on CR 950 N, east of CR 800 W for 650 ft. looks okay, so Commissioners signed the request. Larry says he'll watch the reported indentation (at this time minute) at CR 450 E and CR 250 N, for deterioration caused by a drain. The drain appears to be running now, but a farmer feels it's plugged and damaging the road. Darle reminded about side ditching at the Schlemmer property, on Old St. Rd. 15 N. Rain continues to wash stone into his driveway, and he's getting impatient. At 9:30 A.M., Les moved to close the bids for two tandem axle trucks, second by Darle, and passed. The bids are: (1) W & W Truck Sales, Logansport, \$63,600. and \$63,854.; (2) Wabash Ford Sterling Truck Sales, Indianapolis, \$54,949. and \$55,335.; (3) Erik's Chevrolet, Kokomo, bid \$60,059.74 and \$60,859.74; (4) Wier's International Trucks, Inc., Plymouth, \$62,925.29 and \$63,179.35; (5) Circle City GMC, Indianapolis, \$56,500. and \$56,900.00; (6) Denney Motor Sales, Wabash, \$57,664. and \$58,030.00. Equipment bids were: (1) Deeds Equipment, \$25,749. and \$25,989.; (2) Clark Equipment, \$59,675. for both trucks; (3) Northern Equipment, Plymouth, \$42,945. for both trucks; and (4) W.A. Jones, \$25,973. and \$26,266.00. Les moved to take the bids under advisement, for review, second by Darle, and passed. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Brian Hauptert, Chairman

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Darle V. Dawes, Vice Chair

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor