

January 5, 2004

County Auditor, Carol Stefanatos, called the meeting to order with all members present. Upon her request for nominations for chairman, Lester moved to nominate Brian Hauptert, second by Darle Dawes, and with no further nominations, the motion passed. Brian then moved to nominate Darle as vice chair, second by Les, and with no further nominations, the motion passed. Brian took charge of the meeting, and Les moved to approve the 12/22 minutes with a correction, second by Darle, and passed. One of the roads being damaged by construction trucks is CR 700 S rather than CR 700 W. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. They reviewed the Treasurer's November report and the Jail/Judicial Center custodian hours. They noted Emergency Management has been approved for a Part 1 grant under the State Homeland Security grant program. \$25,939.00 will be used to buy approved items to better prepare first responders on the local level. Commissioners reviewed a letter from the Dept. of Natural Resources indicting two local facilities have been nominated for the National Register of Historic Places. The hearing for the Thomas R. Marshall School in North Manchester and the Stockdale Mill near Roann will be held on 1/28/04 in Indianapolis. The public is welcome. After talking with Sheriff Leroy Striker, Les moved to appoint recommended people to the new Wabash Co. Community Corrections Advisory Board, second by Darle, and passed. Appointments include: Andrew Grossnickle, Rick Hahn, Dallas Duggan, Randy Self, Kay Roy, Mary Ann Mast, Vicki Williams, Charles Smith, Bob Brown, Carol Denison, Co. Council member Bob Fuller and Commissioner, Les Templin. Both judges, the sheriff and the prosecutor are also board members. Their first meeting will be 1/13 at 4:00 p.m. Co. Assessor, Kelly Schenkel, presented a contract with Accurate Assessments of Ft. Wayne for Commissioner approval. Accurate Assessments agree to assess new construction at \$30.00 per parcel thru 2004. Kelly has \$25,000. in her Cumulative Reappraisal budget for this. Les moved approval to sign the contract, second by Darle, passed.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Regarding an ordinance to restrict heavy equipment on CR 750 W and CR 700 S during construction at the Mississinewa Dam, Les moved to approve an ordinance to restrict "commercial vehicles" from traveling on CR 700 S from CR 550 W to CR 750 W, and on CR 750 W from St. Rd. 124 to CR 700 S, second by Darle, and passed. Les asked Larry to check a field entrance on CR 550 W on the west side of the road. When it rains hard water gets on the road where drainage is blocked. Larry said he responded to a request from Metropolitan School district to place stone for a bus turn-around on the Madeline Bussert property at 2817 W 850 S. He didn't place stone on the June Wright property at 2191 S 75 E, because it's a milled asphalt drive, and the stone won't hold. With no further business, the meeting recessed.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor