

May 10, 2004

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert called the meeting to order with all members present. Minutes of the 5/3 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the April Financial Report, the Jail/Judicial Center custodian hours, and the Benicomp medical insurance report for April. Commissioners noted annual maintenance for the Judicial Center elevator increases 4% effective 5/1/04. Quarterly payments increase from \$525.51 to \$546.53. Commissioners reviewed an unsafe building notice from the City of Wabash for the property at 122 E. Sinclair Street. Emergency Management director, Bob Brown, has received the \$31,926. grant to replace existing masks that are deemed inadequate by the federal government. Les moved to proceed with grant applications that include \$20,701. to upgrade the GIS mapping system, \$57,871 for a generator, upgrade of the reverse 911 system and planning funds for EMA, and \$82,073. for updating the radio system to 800 MHz, second by Darle, and passed. Bob says since 2002 his department has received \$242,150.76 in grants, of which \$130,000. was for equipment. Pleasant Township resident, Todd Rager, talked with Commissioners about adding the vacated portion of unimproved CR 950 N to his property description. The area, on the south side of the mill race, is between CR 200 W and CR 250 W. Les pointed out property lines would remain the same, the county is just reverting road right-of-way. Plan Commissioner, Chad Dilling, says the current plat map with aerial overlay, indicates right-of-way on the south side of the mill race is entirely within the neighbor's boundary. Brian says the museum board isn't interested in relocating antique display cases from the old museum to their building.

Phil Amones, assistant supervisor Co. Highway Dept.: Phil says Rose Hill Subdivision planners would like the county to remove snow from their subdivision until they get the road up to required specifications. They don't want to incur the costs of preparing the road until they have sold some lots, and homes are built. Les says generally contractors keep roads cleared while they're working in subdivisions. Brian thinks it would set a bad precedent, as the county doesn't maintain roads until they meet specifications. Phil says he placed some gravel on Old Rd. 15 S at a driveway on Saturday. Les said the contractor needs to know he can't leave a mess like that. Butler Fairman & Seufert Engineers (BF&S), sent a letter reporting on their bridge inspection for the county. They indicate Bridge # 10 on Old Rd 15 over Treaty Creek at CR 700 S is deeply deteriorated, but there isn't specific indication that heavy vehicles are the cause. Bridge # 120 on CR 300 E over Ross Run has serious erosion and end bent undermine. Bridge # 505 on Ferry St. over the City Park needs the damaged pedestrian rail removed.

Leroy Striker, Sheriff: There are 82 in jail this morning. Leroy says Co. Highway crews have agreed to place "project care" signs on existing posts as they have time. The signs were donated. The jail assessment study begins tomorrow, and Brian agreed to represent the Commissioners.

Speicherville alley dispute: Mr. & Mrs Otis Lawson indicated they placed the fence to keep their neighbor's trash off their property. Mrs. Lawson says it is in the alley, regardless of whether one goes by the Bunnell or the Maurer survey. The Bunnell survey is on record, but the Maurer "legal" survey isn't, yet. Chad Dilling will contact Maurer Commissioners say if the fence is in the alley, it shouldn't be left there. The Lawson's say they haven't proceeded with construction since April 26th. They say the Price's have placed landscape timbers, and mowed down Lawson flowers. Commissioners again advised the parties to settle the dispute, or the courts will have to resolve it for them. With no further business, the meeting recessed.

Brian K Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor