

May 17, 2004

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 5/10 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. They reviewed the Clerk's April Report. They acknowledged a notice from WLM Surveying, indicating a legal survey of lots 36, 37, 38 and part of lot 35 in Spiker's Continuation of Spikerville has been completed and filed with the Co. Surveyor. Les moved to approve a proposal from Searce and Rudisel Architects for design development and construction documents for renovation of Memorial Hall's third floor, second by Darle, and passed. The fee is not to exceed \$10,000.00. July 6th will be the bid deadline. Commissioners reviewed a letter from John Swain, owner of Marion Glass & Aluminum Products, a bidder on replacing windows in Memorial Hall. Stating he was a Wabash County resident and taxpayer, he raised some concerns over the job award. Emergency Management director, Bob Brown, reports the former TAP unit in North Manchester, now merged with EMA, has been asked to work the Silver Lake festival this year, as they have in the past. Commissioners and Bob agree volunteers shouldn't work outside the county except for disaster situations. There are liability concerns. Bob will review what services are stipulated in the Co. Ordinance relating to EMA. Tom Brentlinger with "e government strategies" presented his company's web site capabilities. He said reports indicate government web sites get more visits than the "google" search engine. Wabash County could be set up for \$15,000. to \$20,000., plus annual maintenance at about \$2,000.00. Commissioners made no commitment today. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, reported a hearing date on the Letha Jackson estate has been set for 7/16/04 at 1:00 P.M. in the Circuit Courtroom. Mattern indicated all Commissioners should plan to attend the hearing, in order to justify their request to transfer funds from the County Farm Home account. Mark Melton talked with Commissioners about an unimproved section of CR 100 W, beyond the FOP Lodge. He purchased property in the area and wondered about the county maintaining the road. In April of 2002, Commissioners voted not to close the road, but leave it unimproved, allowing access to property that would otherwise be landlocked. Melton learned the county would maintain the road if it is brought up to county specifications, but Larry Rice noted it is within the City of Wabash zoning jurisdiction.

Leroy Striker, Sheriff: Sheriff Striker says the quote submitted by Koorsen Fire & Security to upgrade the fire alarm system is the low bid at \$8,500.00. Certified Burglar & Alarm Systems, Inc, bid \$9,950. and Hamilton Electric submitted a bid not to exceed \$36,500.00. He recommends accepting the Koorsen quote, as they service other systems at the jail, now. Payment for the upgrade will come from Co. Corrections funds. Les moved approval to accept the Koorsen quote, second by Darle, and passed. Striker expects a report on the jail assessment within 10 days. He said many people were interviewed, and thanked Brian for his participation.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry says the damage to CR 800 S and CR 200 E is repaired with help from Gaunt & Son. Larry says Bridge # 38 on CR 400 N, 1/2 mile east of CR 650 E has undermine from flowline erosion on the west bridge abutment over the entire length of the foundation element. Butler, Fairman & Seufert Engineers determined the problem during their annual countywide bridge inspection. Larry is waiting for estimates to repair the west end and 1/2 of the east end of the wooden bridge, originally set in 1986. He's expecting the cost to be about \$20,000.00, much cheaper than replacing it. Until it's repaired he recommends a 5 ton weight limit and 20 mph speed limit be posted. Darle moved to proceed with a temporary ordinance to limit the weight and speed as recommended for safety, second by Les, and passed. Matt Bobay, site foreman on the Old Rd. 15 S project, presented a change order request for multiplate structure # 16 that is damaged. Of the \$60,000.00 requested, the county would pay at most 20%. Les moved to approve the change order, second by Darle, and passed. Dan and Debbi Rapp, Old Rd. 15 S, shared some project concerns related to their property. Their driveway has been cut two times to date, utility work has been done outside the right-of-way, and a guardrail is slated to extend to their driveway. Rapp says Jim Hamilton with BF&S, told him that a guardrail, if needed, would be limited in length. He also talked with Bobay, who said he couldn't make any changes. Rapp is willing to sacrifice some trees along the front of his property and/ or provide dirt to slope the hill, if either would shorten the guardrail. He asked Commissioners for any assistance they could provide through negotiations with the engineering firm, suggesting the grade of the hill might be changed, as he has been told his driveway will have a 6% grade. With no further business the meeting recessed.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor