

June 1, 2004

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 5/24 meeting were approved as written, moved by Darle Dawes, second by Lester Templin, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. They reviewed the April Treasurer's report and noted a letter from the Bowen Center requesting \$140,600. be budgeted for them in 2005. This figure is based on amendments last year to IC: 12-29-2-2. Prosecutor, Bill Hartley, explained that two of his investigators deserved to attend a national conference in California. Wabash Co. IV-D program is in the top 5 in the state for support collections, and Karen Cole, as President of the Indiana Alliance of Child Support, will be representing Indiana. IV-D funds will be used to cover costs, and the county received \$15,506. thru IV-D last year. IV-D funds must be used for child support purposes, and this falls under that premise. Responding to a question from Les, Bill said attendance isn't mandatory, but many state and federal regulations are covered, including IRS updates. Brian noted being one of the highest counties for collections, and having the association president is a plus for the county. Darle moved to allow payment of the claim for \$1150. to cover early registration for two, second by Brian, and passed with Les voting nay. Beverly Ferry, Executive director of the Wabash Co. Council on Aging, reports it's time to apply for the 5311 Transportation grant. Beverly asked Commissioners to continue their support of the public transit program by continuing as the financial agent to receive and process grant funds. Even though gas prices are high, she doesn't support a rate increase to users. Current fares are \$1.00 within the city and \$2.00 in the county. Those who are elderly or disabled are asked to make a donation within their means. The state says the program could shut down temporarily if funds deplete, but Beverly hopes local philanthropists will keep it going. Transportation is available from 6:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Monday thru Friday. Other hours are available upon request, with dispatch on duty between 7:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. weekdays. Seven vans are available, and she will request Capital grant funds to buy two low floor mini vans next year. Beverly estimates she will ask for \$153,175.90 in federal shares for Operating funds, with a local match in the same amount. She plans also to ask for \$62,880.00 in Capital funds, with a local match of \$ 15,720. Today she's asking Commissioners to sign a Letter of Intent to apply for the 5311 Grant. Les moved support of the program, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners agreed Gary Schue with U 4 Com Telephone Company in Syracuse, IN, may provide a quote for local telephone service for the county offices. His company would lease phone lines in bulk from Verizon, and Verizon is responsible for maintaining lines. Schue says 911 lines will have to stay with Verizon. He will get information from the Auditor, and present a quote next week. Bob Brown, EMA director, reports his quote for replacement masks totals \$30,676.20. He suggests using most of the balance from his \$31,962.00 grant, to buy 50 replacement canisters for the masks, since he has to return what he doesn't spend of the grant. The canister shelf life is about 7 years, and he hopes they're never needed. Les moved approval of Bob's plan, second by Darle, and passed. Bob says the Reverse 911 system will be down for about 48 hours while it's relocated upstairs to jail dispatch. Bob says his decontamination trailer has been re-fit, and he will get it later this week. It will be stored at the Wabash City Police Department. There will be a tabletop seminar on June 24th at the Co. Hospital, and Bob urged local officials to attend.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry reports a fence and concrete wall are still in place near the former Bond Flex business at Laketon. An agreement with the county required them to remove both, when the business shut down. Larry reports a Speicherville resident inquired about street repairs in the town. Preliminary work would need done before repairs could be done. Darle said what has been done to the streets in Urbana looks good, but there's still work needed. Commissioners say they will act on a petition to repair streets in Speicherville. Larry reports Butler, Fairman & Seufert (BF&S) engineer James Hamilton was approached while inspecting bridges for the county. It regards an alleged agreement between the county and Hoover property owners, about a bridge on a private drive off CR 300 N. The agreement dates back 50 years or more, and Hamilton was unable to locate record of it in the Co. Recorder's office. Hamilton, will ask the property owner to produce the agreement. Mr. Hoover asked that the bridge be inspected. Larry reports there wasn't much storm damage over the weekend. Larry says Baker & Shultz contractors are moving in today to repair Br. # 38 on CR 400 N, 4/10 mile east of CR 650 E. The road will be closed during the day, but they hope to have it open for traffic at night.

Leroy Striker, Sheriff: There are 89 in jail this morning. The 800 MHz radio system will be installed this week, and there will be some transition time, but no down time. His departments' vehicles are requiring much maintenance at considerable expense, due to their age and mileage. Four units have mileage ranging from 105,000 to 160,000 miles driven. He's comparing leasing versus buying for next year, but will need three cars funded from Co. General and he plans to buy a transport vehicle with Commissary Funds. It's been several years since the department has been allocated funds to buy cars, and the situation is getting desperate. Leroy reports the Community Corrections grant has been fine tuned, and will likely be submitted later this week. The total requested will be about \$400,000.00. The HVAC work at the jail is complete for now, and Koorsen is about finished installing the new fire alarm system.

Rose Hill Subdivision proposal: Property owner, George Bitzer asked Commissioners to accept a Letter of Credit as collateral for his completion of the road within the subdivision to county specifications, so the county will maintain the road. He says the collateral exceeds both quotes he's received from contractors. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern says the Letter of Credit is a standard form, although there are incompleting blank spaces. He suggests a specific sum should be set aside specifically for road construction. Bitzer said he is just asking Commissioners to agree that \$40,000. is sufficient to build the road to specifications, before the Plan Commission acts on accepting the subdivision this Thursday. Darle feels he can believe Bitzer's word, and he has the integrity to complete the road as promised. Les is concerned they are being pressured to accept a road before it's built, something they haven't done in the past. Bitzer will get Commissioners a completed copy of the Letter of Credit.

Memorial Hall 3rd floor renovation: Jeff Kumfer with Searce/Rudisel Architects presented the final plans for relocating the Probation Department to the 3rd floor. He said an alternate proposal for 8 ft. doors to match existing doors would be expensive, but he thinks some doors might be salvaged from their current location and used in their new facility. He will check that. The duct work will be insulated to protect from condensation before ceilings are lowered. The proposed electrical work should meet current technology needs. The north doors will need an alarm system, as they won't be used as an entrance, but will remain as an emergency exit. Commissioners signed the plans presented today. In response to Jeff's query, they suggested Kroft Construction MDM Construction and Quality Electric be notified of bid specifications and qualifications. Kumfer will contact several area firms they have worked with in the past, and the bid opportunity will be advertised according to Indiana Code. With no further business, the meeting recessed.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

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ATTEST:

Carol Stefanatos, Auditor