

August 30, 2004

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 8/23 meeting were approved as written, moved by Darle Dawes, second by Lester Templin, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the Jail/Judicial Center custodian hours. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, reviewed and approved the revised contract with Simplex/Grinnell for testing and monitoring of the Judicial Center fire alarm system. The indemnity clause has been removed, and the contract becomes effective 9/1/04, continuing thru 8/31/05, at an annual cost of \$1120.00. Commissioners signed the agreement. Mr. Mattern will respond to a request from Cincinnati Insurance Co. for more information regarding a Tort notice naming Jason Edward Bridges. He also has reviewed the Community Corrections grant award, and finds no concerns except that Les is designated as president rather than Brian. Commissioners signed the grant in the amount of \$274,062.00. Les moved to approve a proposal from Quality Electric to extend the fire alarm system to Memorial Hall, at a total cost of \$14,200.00, second by Darle, and passed. Beverly Ferry, director of the Wabash County Council on Aging, presented the second quarter invoice for the 5311 Transportation grant in the amount of \$41,675.00, with a local match of \$11,713.00. Ferry reports the number of senior riders stays pretty constant, but public transportation riders decline over the summer. She says this was a great second quarter, and shared an income/expense report for the quarter. Co. Clerk, Lori Draper, is still working on the new voting requirements. She proposed a list of poll sites that change Noble 2 precinct to the basement of the courthouse, and Noble 4 voters back to Wabash High School. Les moved approval of the Voting List, second by Darle, and passed. The Auditor will advertise the Voting List. Lori presented a revised contract for handicapped voter machines, at a lower price, and Commissioners will have Mr Mattern review it, before they sign. Speicherville residents, Otis and Rosemary Lawson, reported the 90 day appeal period expired August 8th, and their "legal survey" should now be effective. A neighbor's landscape timbers encroach the alley, per their survey, and neighbors continue to call the Sheriff's department, every time Lawsons use the alley to access the back of their property. They asked Commissioners to determine the alley boundaries, based on their survey. Commissioner attorney Mattern, reiterated, the on-going animosity between neighbors is a civil matter, beyond Commissioner authority. Co. Surveyor, Cheryl Slee, reports she has been trying to contact Bill Maurer, who did the legal survey, in an effort to get his interpretation of the outcome of his survey.

Old Rd. 15 S Progress report: Matt Bobay with Butler, Fairman & Seufert Engineers (BF&S), says they missed the completion date of August 21st due to weather and utilities, and have set a new deadline for September 24th. The total job cost should about break even with both additions and deletions. All the cuts and fills for the mainline between Meridian Rd. and St. Rd. 124 are completed. Bridge structure # 46 is finished, as is the underdrain between Meridian and 124. Pipe is installed for all but 4 structures added by the engineer. Asphalt layers are progressing. Property owners have expressed concerns over guardrail, ditches in their front yards and field tile location, and each instance is being negotiated separately. INDOT testing of asphalt, has delayed progress, and may result in milling of one layer of asphalt from one lot of the product.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: 140 miles of chip and seal are complete, with rain slowing progress last week. Larry said BF&S recommends Commissioners sign the revised contract with R L McCoy Construction for repairs to the retaining wall at Treaty Creek on Old Rd. 15 S, today, before the new quote expires 9/1/04. Due to rising steel costs, McCoy proposed an additional \$27,134.24, increasing the project cost to \$155,861.74. Les moved to approve the revised cost, and sign the contract, second by Darle, and passed. The actual contract is for the initial quote of \$128,727.50, but a Change Order for the increase will follow. Larry says two VERIZON requests to bore under the road to homes, look okay, so Commissioners signed, and a copy will go to the Surveyor. (1) bore under the road at 9162 N 300 E; (2) bore under the road at 615 S 475 W. Toby Steffan, with BF&S, says the anticipated cost for right-of-way (R/W) acquisition on the DNR project on CR 950 S and CR 300 W, is \$249,850.00, all of which will be reimbursed. Larry says he has only appropriated funds to cover R/W management, and with Commissioner approval, he will ask for an additional appropriation to cover R/W acquisition. Les moved to ask for \$250,000.00 from Local Road & Street for the project, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners shared some property owner concerns along the DNR project route, and Toby will pursue them. After discussion, Les moved to change requirements governing use of county owned vehicles, driven by highway department supervisors, Larry and Phil Amones. They will be given emergency on-call status, but the vehicles aren't to be used for personal business. Brian second the motion, and it passed, with Darle voting nay.

Leroy Striker, Sheriff: There are 86 in jail this morning. Moake Park Architects say they will speed up planning for the work release program in the jail basement, but expect it will be November before bids are let, with a completion date of March 2005. Leroy was disappointed, but hopes to have a modified version of the program running sooner, using a jail cell block. He reports the Community Corrections Board will meet tomorrow. With no further business, the meeting recessed.

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Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor