

October 6, 1997

Darle Dawes, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order in the courthouse at 9:00 A.M. with Brian absent. Minutes of the 9/29 meeting were approved as written, motioned by Les, second by Darle and carried. Commissioners reviewed a quote from Summit City Boiler Services to replace two old radiators in Memorial Hall with one new unit for \$2,100. They will check with Quality Electric for an estimate before making a decision. Dick Smith, Memorial Hall custodian, reminded them the roof is leaking. Copper fascia needs fixed and some shingles are missing. Commissioners noted water bills will be going up effective 10/1/97 to cover a public fire protection surcharge. The increase is based on meter size. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Check Register and the Payroll Claim and Allowance Docket.

Larry Rice, Highway Department: Larry says the trees on Miami Street west of Memorial Hall are scheduled to come down 10/7, with PSI removing the tops, and highway crews completing the job. Commissioners approved removing fencing from one area at the highway department and installing it west of the new Animal Shelter, at the request of Virginia Reahard, Animal Warden. Highway crews will remove the fence. Crystal Glass is going to replace some truck windshields next Monday when crews are not working.

Jack Francis, City Hall: Wabash has surface water problems, and Commissioners referred him to the drainage board in the Surveyors office.

Riverwood Estates: Richard Fisher, attorney requested it be stated more clearly than in the Commissioner minutes of 9/2/97, that the county will accept the road once it has been completed. Commissioners agreed that their intent was for the county to accept responsibility for the road once their stipulated requirements of a 3 inch base asphalt topped with 1 inch of surface asphalt, have been met and approved.

Tim Roberts, Sheriff: 76 in jail this morning. Les motioned to purchase a back-up battery system made by Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) for the Pleasant Township radio transmitter, from E-911 funds, second by Darle and passed. The estimated cost is \$565. and there are no installation fees. Presently, a power outage or surge in power kicks off the transmitter, and it has to be re-set manually, losing valuable time. Commissioners discussed the Sheriff's department policy on "comp time". Overtime must be pre-approved by a department head, and a form must be completed and submitted for consideration of remittance. Employees are offered the choice of time and one half in wages or "comp time". Tim requires that "comp time" be used within 60 days or it is forfeited. Deputies are eligible after 171 hours are worked within a 28 day period, and others must work 40 hours within 7 days to be eligible. County Attorney Mattern feels records would have to be supplied before approval could be granted.

Bob Luce, Butler, Fairman & Seufert: Regarding the Carroll Street bridge, Bob asked about progress on negotiations for easements with the City of Wabash and Container Corporation. He said he estimates bridge work will begin next spring. In regards to the Pearsons Mill road project, which has been cut back since the agreement was signed with the state, Bob suggests Commissioners consider lowering the speed limit to 45 mph as soon as possible. Larry could also contact Mr. Arend with the state about why they have changed their plans.

In regards to the alley vacation request by Ray Moore of Servia, it was found in the 9/14/92 minutes that Commissioners granted approval. Commissioners will sign an Ordinance making the vacation official.

Commissioners acknowledged the offer to clean the Lincoln statue on the courthouse lawn by Emmanuel Christian School student Robee Wilson. However, since there are questions about the proper cleaning method, Commissioners must decline the offer at this time. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian Hauptert, Chairman


Darle Dawes


Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: 
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor