

September 22, 1997

Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the Commissioners meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. in the Courthouse with all present. Minutes of the 9/15 meeting were approved as written, motioned by Les, second by Darle and passed. Brian signed the Indiana Housing Finance Authority Community Development Block Grant claim forms forwarded by the Area Five Agency on Aging and Community Service. The grant will be closed Sept. 30th. Noted receipt of franchise fees for Urbana 7/96 thru 7/97 from MidAmerican Cable of \$288.31. Reviewed estimate for window cleaning submitted by Advance Window Cleaning of Ft. Wayne, learned that AAA from Marion no longer does windows, and will seek additional estimates before making a decision. Agreed to pay the claim of \$145.51, for paint for the fence between the new Animal Shelter and the recycle center. They reviewed the Treasurer's Monthly Report and the Payroll Claim and Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. Commissioners reviewed an estimate from Crystal Glass to repair 6 window screens for the courthouse, two larger screens for \$116.48 and 4 smaller screens for \$211.68. Darle motioned to repair all six screens, second by Les and carried. Darle noted he had been contacted by Ray Moore of Servia concerning a street vacation which he thought had been finalized several years ago. Commissioners will look into the matter. Les motioned to approve Clerk, Kelly Schenkel's, request to purchase a new copy machine for her office. She will split the cost with the Commissioners who have money for it in the 1998 budget. Second by Darle, the motion carried.


Larry Rice, Highway Department. The Carroll Street bridge reopened 10/19 at 1:00 P.M. as there is no structure damage according to Bob Luce, engineer. Highway crews patched the hole and they put up new height barriers. Larry noted enforcement of the height/weight restrictions could prolong the life of the bridge until the new one is completed. They plan to start on the Miami Street bridge tomorrow. They are doing double chip and seal on CR 200 E today, and 118 miles of chip and seal are completed. Larry met with DNR and INDOT representatives regarding the Pearsons Mill area road project set for 950S between St. Rd. 13 and Mississinewa Rd. and 300W from 950S south to the reservoir property. Part of the area included in the agreement signed by the county last year has been deleted from the project. If it's money, speed limits on the road could lower the sight distance needed and the amount of right-of-way needed, the savings could be applied toward completion of both areas. Larry will look into the matter. Mary Enright with INDOT called regarding county acceptance of St. Rd. 24 E, she says the state will repair the bridge on CR 600E, and will send a revised agreement for Commissioner signatures. Old Rd. 24 will be turned over in phases as the phases of new Rd. 24 are completed. They expect to have Phase I open in 18 months.

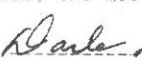
Mary Ellen Rudisel, Butler Fairman & Seufert: Reports the dome work is completed. The bell is beautiful, the steps to the tower have been rebuilt and the pigeons are out. She's looking into a tape of predator sounds to use as a deterrent to keep them away. She and the Commissioners went up and inspected the dome.

Tim Roberts, Sheriff: 77 in jail this morning, the count has been down for a while. Tim and Mary Ellen presented her plans for the work release center for the jail basement. The mechanical areas will be secure from the residents. It would house up to 34 people. Participants would pay 15% of their wages for room and board for the privilege. There would be 4 avenues of escape in case of fire, but once they entered the building and are searched, they stay inside until they are secured in the center. Tim has changed the criteria for being involved in work release, and one must have a "significant" job to participate. Estimated cost to set up the program which would include a full time director and a part-time employee is \$166,500. Some of those costs would be offset by the room and board payments, some work could be done internally, and Mary Ellen is going to revise her plans to convert already existing restrooms for use rather than constructing new facilities.

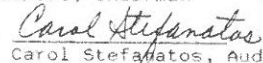
Vince Harrell, County Extension Agent, requested Commissioner approval for an Additional Appropriation request to cover accrued vacation pay for his office manager for the 1998 budget. Commissioners approved the request.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.


Brian Hauptert, Chairman


Darle Dawes


Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: 
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor