

August 4, 1997

Chairman, Brian Haupert called the Commissioner meeting to order in the courthouse at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 7/28 meeting were approved as written, motioned by Les, second by Darle and carried. Commissioners signed a request for promotional funding from CEDIT monies for the Heartland Corridor, reviewed and signed the Monthly Financial Statement and the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Reviewed hours for Memorial Hall/Jail custodian, and reviewed and signed the second quarter report for the Wabash County Home Rehabilitation/Home Ownership Program completed by the Area Five Agency on Aging and Community Service. They took under advisement a quote to purchase a used FAX machine and signed a letter of support to accompany the Public Transportation grant application.

Larry Rice, Highway Dept.: Doyle Haupert would like to hire his pipe work done rather than waiting until county workers have time. Commissioners agreed he would be charged \$ 368.00 by the county for the pipe already purchased, and he may hire the job out. Commissioners approved a Metropolitan Schools request for extending the alley 36 ft. by 12 ft. adjacent to the Lucy Sundheimer property in Urbana so she has space to park her school bus.

Commissioners approved a request from Bill Bradley and Chris Garber to request an additional appropriation from CEDIT funds for engineering work in North Manchester for a potential new business. They will request \$32,000.

Commissioners approved two additional appropriation requests, one for \$4,000. for workers compensation and the second for additional liquid bituminous for the road chip and seal program in the amount of \$24,000.

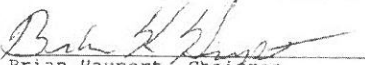
County Attorney, Tom Mattern: Tom has an easement option request from GTE for burying cable along St. Rd. 24E on County Farm property. Commissioners agreed, pending word from Mr. Mattern that GTE is aware some of that land has already been sold to the state.


Mary Ellen Rudisel, Scarce and Associates: She met with Sheriff Roberts, and Commissioners agreed she should go ahead with preliminary drawings for the work release program in the jail basement. She will draw up a contract, and payment for the study will come from Commissioner funds. Atlas Industries did a test area of the gold fleck paint on the dome, and will do a test of the jute color also. A final decision will be made by the end of the week as the primer needs covered. Mary Ellen also reported a glossy sealer will go on top. Commissioners signed the change order request approved last week for additional dome work.

Allen Miracle, Benicomp Insurance: Government entities have the option of exempting themselves from some of the coverage requirements mandated by law. The county would have to request the exemption from the company annually, in order to stay in compliance with the law, and it probably wouldn't amount to much savings. Allen suggested leaving our coverage status quo would generate better public relations with employees,

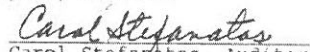
Tim Roberts, Sheriff: 80 in jail this morning. Tim and attorney, Mark Guenin, attended a conciliatory meeting last week on the Harry Knable suit. There was no settlement.

Ron Harris reported he has not been able to find anyone to look at the drain on the eastside of the courthouse. He also reported Quality Electric would replace the photo cell for the outdoor lighting. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.


Brian Haupert, Chairman


Darle Dawes


Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: 
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor