

July 7, 1997

Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners room of the courthouse. Minutes of the 6/30 meeting were approved as written, motioned by Les, second by Brian and carried. Commissioners reviewed a letter from State Representative, Bill Ruppel concerning the release of an additional \$100 million throughout the state for road & street repairs over the next two years. Wabash County's estimated monthly portion is \$16,816.96 with an estimated 2 year total of \$451,463.04. Reviewed Memorial Hall/Jail custodian hours, Monthly Statement of Accounts and signed the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Darle Dawes was absent from the meeting.

Larry Rice, Highway Dept.: Noted an increase of \$.05 per gallon on asphalt sales to the county from Laketon Refining Corp. effective 1/1/97. Calcium treatment is completed, and they are starting on the chip and seal project.

Mary Ellen Rudisel, Scarce & Assoc.: Painting of dome needs done soon, as exposed metal rusts quickly. The colors of River Sand (YB05) for the tower, Jute (YB19) for the dome and Auburn (YB30) for trim were selected. She's working on lighting the clock from the roof level, exclusively. The Auditor noted water has leaked thru the 2nd floor ceiling from the power spraying on the dome. Mary Ellen will look into this. Les noted he's seen our courthouse in a WANE T.V. promotion. Regarding the county space needs, Les asked Mary Ellen to get some statistics on square footage of neighboring ~~courthouses~~. Court Rooms.

Tim Roberts, Sheriff: There are 90 in jail this morning, and they are making progress with adjusting to the new computer system, and ironing out the bugs.

Bob Luce, Butler Fairman & Seufert: Updated on Carroll St. bridge project, indicating the county needs a temporary right-of-way, and some additional land acquisition. The Commissioners will proceed locally. Regarding an IN Dept. of Transportation letter of application for funds sent to the highway department, Bob says it's for Transportation Enhancement projects like off road trails for recreational uses.

Les noted he had been contacted by the VFW about removing the outdated shrubbery around the Soldiers Monument since the east side of the grounds have been updated by the Garden Club. They also asked about progress on repair of the "eternal flame", and why American Flags were not flown over the 4th of July holiday. The flag was flown as usual, but those placed around the square on the light poles were not flown this year.


Commissioners signed an amended contract with Bernardin, Lochmueller & Associates for "on call" engineering services.

Commissioners signed an agreement with the Indiana State Board of Animal Health for Bovine Brucellosis and Tuberculosis Eradication programs, locally.

Commissioners reviewed an estimate for repairing the flagpole lights damaged when the old shrubbery was removed, and requested additional quotes before making a decision. The Auditor reported the income from the County Surplus Sale on July 1st was \$1,902. Took under advisement an application to designate the Wabash River an American Heritage River. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

  
Brian Hauptert, Chairman

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Darle Dawes

  
Lester D. Templin

ATTEST:   
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor