

June 23, 1997

Commissioners met in the courthouse at 9:00 A.M. with all present. Minutes of the 5/16 meeting were approved as written, motioned by Les, second by Darle, passed and signed. Commissioners reviewed the Clerk's Monthly Report, and custodian Dick Smith's hours. Commissioners signed an agreement with Mark Metzger for his services at the July 1st Surplus Auction. Les motioned approval for Bill Bradley to carry a Hoosier Heartland promotion funding request to the County Council, second by Darle and carried. Approved a proposal from Recorder, Donna Friddersdorf, to include a request for two deputies in her 1998 budget, motioned by Darle, second by Les and carried.

Carnegie Library Board appointment: Lynn Huber, whose appointment expires Dec. 31, 2000, has resigned his position, and following discussion, Les motioned to appoint Wayne Barkey, Computer Coordinator and teacher at Wabash High School, to replace Mr. Huber thru December 2000, second by Darle and carried.

Mary Ellen Rudisel, Scarce and Associates: She reported there are five additional needs on the courthouse dome repair project, three of them critical. The critical needs are (1) lower replacement at the top of the dome, (2) additional joists at the clock level and (3) brackets holding dome on courthouse are badly rusted. Less critical, are (1) eyebrow roofs above clock dials and (2) cornice replacement below clock faces. Mary Ellen also reported the roof repairs could wait until the spring. The rubber roof is wet, and the wood deck underneath it is bad. Curran Roofing did the rubber roof in 1989, and we have a "personal guarantee" from the owner for 10 years, so Mary Ellen suggests having them look at it. The skylight is critical, and preferably, needs replaced because of the light it affords thru two levels. It is leaking, and should be covered with plastic until it's replaced. Commissioners took the additional dome needs under advisement. Because of escalating costs, they may need to let bids for the new work.

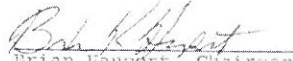
Small Business Development Center, Kokomo: Kim Moyers of the SBDC and Todd Mosier, President of the Kokomo Chamber of Commerce, asked Commissioner approval for them to request funding from the County Council in the amount of \$5,000. The function of the SBDC is to counsel existing businesses and help new businesses get started. They are in Wabash County twice a month for counseling, and estimate 10% of their work time is spent in Wabash County. They also visit Cass, Fulton and Miami counties. Darle motioned Commissioner approval for the request, second by Les and carried.

Tom Ewing of Hunt, Suedhoff, Borror and Ellbacher, Attorneys: Mr. Ewing advised Commissioners he has been retained as counsel by the Cincinnati Insurance Co. to represent the county in the lawsuit filed by Dr. Robert Schaefer and naming the county as a defendant.


Tim Roberts, Sheriff: There are 98 in jail this morning. The new computers have arrived, and there's training scheduled for all week, with 6/27 as the targeted on line date. Tim has been assured data from the old system has been captured for use in the new one. Bryan Cox hit a deer with a squad car due to be traded next year. They're going to patch it up to keep it going until then. The nurse practitioner is set to screen inmates who feel they need medical attention. Hopefully, this will reduce medical expenses. Those needing to see a doctor will do so, otherwise, Dr. Haughn will review her notes.

Larry Rice, Highway Dept.: Commissioners approved his bond. Larry has a request from Doyle Hauptert for a road cut and tile work on 300 E, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile south of Servia between 300N and 900N. Mr. Hauptert will pay \$644.00 for the road cut and restoration and 40 feet of tile. Darle motioned to approve the request, second by Les and passed. Highway crews have been spreading the milled asphalt from Cass Street on both 1400 N and 100 W to elevate them some. Larry thinks it should be topped off with chip and seal for 1000 feet on 100 W and a 2 inch mat of #9 surface for 1700 feet on 1400 W. He's hoping to work on roads in Somerset, Urbana, Laketon and Speicherville as time permits. All the rain has slowed down progress, since the roads need bedded first.

There being no further business, Commissioners set to work on budgets for 1998.


Brian Hauptert, Chairman

Darle Dawes


Lester Templin

ATTEST: 
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor