

June 16, 1997

Chairman Brian Hauptert called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners room of the courthouse with all present. Minutes of the 6/9 meeting were corrected in the highway department report on U.S. 24 acceptance conditions from "two culverts" to "and culverts", motioned to approve with correction by Les, second by Darle, passed. Commissioners reviewed the Treasurer's Monthly Report, reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim and Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. Les motioned to sign Resolution # 97-2 which adopts a flexible benefit plan for county employees, second by Darle and passed. Mark Metzger will do the surplus auction for the county on July 1st at the County Highway Department at 1:00 p.m. Les reported Baron von Imhoff accepted the appointment to the Tourism Committee, to complete the term of Don Bull, who resigned. The term runs thru December of 1997. Invited the Auditor to join the Building Study Committee as their secretary, and she accepted.

Jim Burd, Riverwood Estates representative, requested the county accept the 1 mile road, off Baumbauer Rd., ending in a cul-de-sac, that presently serves five residences. Commissioners will check the requirements for acceptance, and see if the road qualifies. The county would maintain the road, plow it, and there would be school bus service.

Commissioners signed Ordinance 97-3 Establishing Maximum Weight and Height Limitations for Bridges and a letter to the Indiana Dept. of Transportation regarding the Memorandum of Agreement for Transfer of U.S. 24 to Wabash County, both prepared by County Attorney Tom Mattern. The letter to the D.O.T. requests additional clarification in respect to road inspection, resurfacing and drainage structures service ability.

Larry Rice, Highway Department: Larry reported several road cut requests were O.K., two from GTE and 2 from SPRINT. Commissioners approved for GTE: (1) CR 100 W in the right-of-way for 618 ft., beginning 500 ft. south of CR 400 S and (2) 1057 ft. of cable along, and bore under both CR 900W and CR 300 E. Approved for SPRINT: (1) south from intersection of 900S and 390E for 1600 ft., and (2) beginning 1600 ft. south of St. Rd. 218 on America Rd. and continuing south for 2222 ft. Larry reports the state is milling on Cass St. tonight, and hauling it to his department. Tuesday, it will be spread in layers on CR 1400 N where they're putting in a new cross pipe today in preparation. He hopes to have enough to put some on CR 100 W north of 1400 N, also. Highway department is doing ditching and drain work near Division Rd. and CR 600 W. Darle motioned to sign an agreement with North American Salt Co., to provide salt at \$39.51 per ton delivered, price effective thru June of 1998. Seconded by Les and carried, Brian signed the agreement.

Pat Lynn asked Commissioners to sign a Section 18 Dept. of Transportation Grant request. Darle motioned to sign request, second by Les and approved. A feasibility study on public transportation needs in the county is in progress, but the application deadline is now. Grant is for matching funds, and we already have the funds to match.

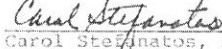
Tim Roberts, Sheriff: There are 94 in jail this morning. Tim recommends that bushes and shrubbery be eliminated from any renovation plans for courthouse/ courts buildings for security purposes. Commissioners agreed Tim should put the old civil defense jeep his department has been using in the surplus sale, as it's not fixable. Concerning the high cost of inmate medical expenses, Tim is looking into hiring a nurse practitioner to spend about two hours a week at the jail to take care of minor illnesses and pre-screen inmates before sending them to the doctor. She could write prescriptions. Commissioners recommended Tim pursue the project. Tim says he talked to Miami County where the visits are done by the County Health Nurse.

Regarding accrued vacation pay due some county employees, the Commissioners agreed to the requests of (1) Glen Barrus for 52 days, (2) Dallas Duggan for 28 days, (3) Maxine Howard for 65 days and (4) Kim Pegg for 12 days. They will be paid the first pay of 1998 at the 1998 pay scale. This settlement was precipitated by the changes in the Employee Policy which became effective July 1, 1996. The affected employees will be notified in writing of the decision. There being no further business, Les motioned to adjourn, second by Darle and carried.


Brian Hauptert, Chairman


Darle Dawes


Lester Teaplin

ATTEST: 
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor