

June 9, 1997

Commissioners met in regular session in the courthouse with Vice Chairman Darle Daves conducting the meeting. Les motioned to approve the 672 minutes, second by Darle and passed. Commissioners set July 1st at 1:00 p.m. for the county surplus sale. Mark Metzger was last year's auctioneer, and the Auditor will contact him for this year.

Herb Underwood: Discussed with Commissioners just completed underwater bridge inspections done by Warren T. Hobson & Associates. There's no reimbursement for this project, so Commissioners approved the claim for payment. Herb says the Ferry Street bridge in Wabash would be the next project targeted for Federal reimbursement. Les motioned to approve Herb proceed with two bridge projects, # 507 on North Miami Street in Wabash and # 47 in Lago Twp., second by Darle and approved.

Larry Rice, Highway Department: Department will do some clean-up work on the southwest corner of the courthouse square, where a retaining wall was removed. Les will talk with city officials concerning a property in the 400 block of east Hill St. that needs clean-up work. It has been unsold in two tax sales, but not yet deeded to the county. Commissioners feel the county is not yet legally responsible for it's care. Regarding progress on the Heartland Corridor project, Larry says bids on Phase I will be let in March of 1998 with construction set to begin in July of 1998. This is the area just east of St. Rd. 13. In a related matter he advised present US 24 will be turned over to Wabash County. County Attorney Hattern will review the draft of the agreement of acceptance of the highway, and Commissioners would like resurfacing ~~AND~~ culverts added as part of the conditions. Larry said Doug Brooks reported he has a drainage problem at St. Rd. 13 and 400 S., he feels the side ditch could be deeper. Larry will look at it.

Sheriff department: Commissioners agreed to give Sandy Beeks, E-911 Coordinator credit towards longevity and PERP for past part-time employment. She will be eligible for four years credit for each in 1998. Les motioned to approve payment of an E-911 claim, second by Darle and passed. They denied a request from the department for cash in advance for employees attending continuing education seminars. Policy will continue for reimbursement upon receipt of a claim.

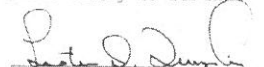
John Hennelly, Dr. Stan Deery and Kathy Brubaker of ARC of Wabash County updated Commissioners on their accomplishments over the last year, thanked them for past support, and requested the county contribution for 1998 be increased by 4% to \$51,000.

Les reported he appointed Johnny Faust, who lives in the LaFontaine area, to the Building Study Committee, and he's still working on an appointment to the Tourism Committee. Les mentioned a letter he received from a county resident urging the county to maintain control of the County Farm property.

Commissioners reviewed the jail/Memorial Hall custodian hours and signed a request to the Governors Council on Impaired & Dangerous Driving for reimbursable funds for Sheriff Department employees involved in "Operation Pullover". There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Brian Hauptert, Chairman


Darle Daves


Lester Templin

ATTEST: 
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor