

May 12, 1987

Chairman Brian Haupt called the meeting to order with all members present. Minutes of the 5/5/87 meeting were approved with the addition of the word "new" to the description for the highway department trailer estimate request. Motioned by Les, second by Darle and carried. Darle requested it be noted in the minutes that the County Farm property still belongs to the county. He has had several calls in response to the newspaper article about the plans of the City of Wabash to re-zone the area.

Herb Underwood: Culvert on 500 E will have to be repaired with a box culvert. He estimates the project will run about \$25,000. or more, (the box culvert alone is \$20,000.) and he will present the appropriation request to the Council in June. Herb also said the bridge in Laketon over the Bel River and bridge #567 on Miami Street over Charlie Creek are in need of work.

Larry Rice, Highway Dept.: At 9:30 A.M., Les motioned to close the quotes for a new or used trailer, second by Darle, the motion carried. Four quotes were received, all for new trailers. Les motioned to accept the quote from Hoosier Trailer and Tractor for \$8,700. with trade, and a two week delivery date, second by Darle, and carried. Commissioners encouraged Larry to press for a speedy delivery.

Commissioners signed a contract for employee health coverage with Lafayette Life Insurance Company. Benicomp Ins. representatives, Doug Short and Neil Rupp explained the terms prior to the Commissioners' signing. County will begin receiving activity reports after the first of June.

Mark Henderson, Deputy Sheriff: Sheriff Roberts is in Florida, extraditing a prisoner. There are about 90 in jail this morning. He set up the evening of May 15th for Commissioners to visit Blackford County Sheriff department to see their radio system.

Wabash Soil & Water District: Commissioners signed a property release form with Primoco Inc., for clearing and clean-up done on the County Farm property during construction of the new railroad overpass on St. Rd. 24.

Les motioned to hire Grounds Master to apply two treatments of weed and feed to the courthouse grounds, second by Darle, the motion carried. Cost is \$250.20.

Dallas Duggan, Probation Dept.: The White's Shelter Care project is being used to full capacity for housing juvenile offenders. The county contracted for 5 beds nightly, any mix of male/female. When there's space available, we have first priority to additional beds as needed. Dallas also had an estimate from Graphic Sciences for repairs to the computers damaged in last week's storm in the amount of \$11,985.00. Insurance, (with \$ 1,000 deductible) will cover the expenses.

Trula Frank, Division of Tourism: Two positions of the Wabash County Convention and Visitors Bureau are vacant. Stephanie Gottschalk has agreed to replace Jeff See as WABASH INN representative, and Commissioners will need to appoint a representative for the southern part of the county to replace Don Hull, who resigned. Les motioned to appoint Stephanie Gottschalk, second by Darle, and passed. Les will contact some people in his district for the second appointment. Darle & Brian defer to his judgement for expediency purposes, as Trula says the need is urgent to fill the position. Ron Harris, Custodian: The water line has been replaced at the Probation office.

A petition has been received requesting part of CR 325 W from the north side of CR 900 N to where it intersects the north line of the fractional South East quarter of Section 16, Township 29 North, Range 6 East, ^{b4 yad 170.} The Auditor will send notice of public hearing to neighboring parties, a notice will be published, and a hearing has been set for June 2nd at 9:30 A.M. in the Commissioners room of the Courthouse.

Commissioners reviewed Memorial Hall/Jail custodian's hours, an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Wabash County Solid Waste District and Wabash County Government, and signed the 5/5 minutes. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

  
Brian Haupt, Chairman Darle Daves Lester Templin

ATTEST:  Carol Stefanatos, Auditor