

April 28, 1997

Chairman Brian Hauptert called the meeting to order with all members attending. Minutes of the 4/21 meeting were approved as written, motioned by Darle, second by Les and passed. At the request of Holly Kendall from the Solid Waste District, Brian drew the winning name of DeAnn Rogers in the TORO mulching mower promotion.

Larry Rice, County Highway: Regarding Phase II of Old St. Rd. 15 project from 1000 E. to St. Rd. 124, a notice will be published for those who wish to request a public hearing. At 9:30 A.M. bidding was closed on the Force Feed Dirt Loader with only one bid received from Southeastern Equipment Company, Inc. motioned by Les, second by Darle and carried. There were two proposals, one at \$94,000.00 with trade, new with a five to six month wait for delivery, or \$98,400.00 with trade, for a used vehicle with 100 hours on it, and several options not requested in the bid specifications. It's also ready for delivery. Darle motioned to take the bid under advisement, second by Les and passed. Following discussion, Les motioned to accept alternate bid # 1 for the \$98,400.00 Athy dirt loader, second by Darle and passed.

Tim Roberts, Sheriff: Computer installation in the jail is progressing, and some of the jail trustees painted the storage shed on the courthouse lawn last week. There were 85 inmates in jail Monday morning.

Herb Underwood: Advised Commissioners he would be interested in doing occasional engineer work for the county at an hourly rate in the \$45.00 range. The only project he has yet to complete is the bridge at Lagro, and they're working on it now. Herb also advised Commissioners that he felt the bridge on Miami St. over Charlie Creek should be worked on in the near future. Brush removal around bridges is being done by Hank Elits.

Allen Miracle, Doug Short and R. Neil Ropp, representing Benicoap Inc., presented the master copy of the health plan for county employees to the Commissioners. Following discussion and explanation of the benefits, Chairman Hauptert signed the agreement.

Arvin Copeland, Wabash Fire Chief: Requested Commissioners schedule an E-911 board meeting, and they settled on May 21, 1997 at 6:00 P.M. in the Commissioner's room.

Florence Dahlstrom, Chester Township Trustee: The township will take delivery on their new rescue truck for the fire department sometime before the end of July, and they could use some additional funds towards the purchase. The department responds anywhere north of St. Rd. 16 and other places upon request. They have agreements with Pleasant Township and North Manchester so they don't overlap on equipment. She requested \$25,000.00, and after discussion, Darle motioned to approve the request pending discussion with the Council in June, second by Les and passed. Concerned about setting precedent, Commissioners indicated they would only subsidize equipment purchases that pertain to Jaws of Life equipment. In another matter as a representative of the Animal Control Board, Flo pointed out that longevity pay for the Animal Warden was omitted from the 1997 budget of the board. Commissioners will have to request an additional appropriation.

Commissioners reviewed and signed the Area Five Agency on Aging and Community Service Indiana Housing Finance Authority Community Development Block Grant Performance Report and audit reports for repairs done by Butler Seufert and Fairman on bridges numbered 32, 41 and 702. They also reviewed and signed the minutes, Payroll Claim and Allowance Docket and Payroll Check Register. There being no further business they adjourned.

Brian H. Hauptert  
Brian Hauptert, Chairman

Darle Daves  
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Lester Templin  
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ATTEST: Carol Stefanatos  
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor