

April 14, 1997

Commissioners met in regular session, with all in attendance. Chairman, Brian Hauptert called the meeting to order, and Les motioned to correct the minutes of 4/7/97 by deleting the words, before the February accident, from the new truck account. Second by Darle, the motion carried.

County Highway Department reported the mechanical problems of the low-boy truck continue. This morning it broke down enroute to a job. Commissioners discussed options, including junking the truck and selling the trailer at auction.

Commissioner Templin had calls from 2 Roans area women. One was concerned that the over-crowding at the jail was an unhealthy situation, and the second feared her barn would burn due to a neighbor's trash burning habits. Darle heard from an Urbana area woman concerning a public alley versus private property debate, and a camper that is parked in the contested area. Commissioners will investigate the matters.

Tim Roberts, Sheriff: New squad car in for two-tone paint job, Tim decided to forget making it a publicity/squad car.


Bill Bradley, WEDCOR and Bruce Stern, Chamber of Commerce: Both are involved in the Heartland Corridor project, and feel this is a critical year to push for progress. Two important circumstances coincide this year, (1) this is a budget year for the state legislature (the governor says no increase in gas taxes), and nationally, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) is being challenged. Funds are needed to lobby for completion of the project, and we're in competition with Ohio on the RD. 24 expansion. Carroll, Cass and Miami Counties have already pledged help, and Bill will present his request to the County Council next week. Tippecanoe and Allen counties, on each end of the proposed corridor, have experienced growth due to their access to interstate highways, and Bruce said Al-Pe Beat Treating, Inc. lost out on a potential contract with Ford Motor Company because of lack of interstate access.

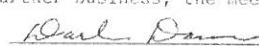
Bruce also invited Commissioners to participate in an August program called "Meet the People". State and local officials will be invited to participate.

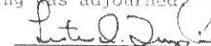
Sandy Beeks, E-911 Coordinator: She has been contacted by CTE indicating it's time for a system update, and Ameritech says their charges to the county for E-911 services are higher because their customers are so widespread. She also has some personal liability concerns, and Commissioners will look into options to ease her mind.


Dallas Duggan, Probation: Reports increasing need for additional phone lines, due to increasing staff and workload. Dallas will get some estimates for the Commissioners.

Commissioners reviewed the Treasurers' Monthly Report and Jail/Memorial Hall custodian hours. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Brian Hauptert, Chairman


Darle Daves


Lester Templin

ATTEST: 
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor