

January 13, 1997

The Commissioners met in regular session with all members present. Chairman, Brian Hauptert called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the Jan. 6th meeting were approved with corrections. Approval of Dec. 23, 1996 minutes was seconded by Brian rather than Les. Wording of Docket Allowance was corrected to Allowance Docket. Les motioned to approve with corrections, seconded by Darle and approved. Highway Department, Larry Rice: Corporate Health Care is putting together a presentation for the Commissioners. "Road Closed" signs are up on ~~1400N, 1400W~~. Right-of-way problems exist when measurements are not begun from the middle of the road. Roads 650 and 100 E are among the worst offenders. The theory of Adverse Possession may settle some of these problems. Measurements will be ~~20~~ ⁴⁰ ft. in both directions from the center of the road, whenever possible. Darle motioned to approve measurement method, seconded by Les and carried. Weight Limit signs could be rescinded on Mill Street. Larry advises a new ordinance needs to be made. Larry made note of accrued vacation and sick days due Glen Barrus, and Les noted he received calls complimenting highway road clearing efforts during the snow.

Sheriff, Tim Roberts: Presented specifications for computer bidding. Tim gave Brian a letter from Emergency Radio System with a proposal.

County Attorney, Tom Mattern: Received a letter from Mayor McCallen concerning Commissioner commitment of \$60,000.00 towards the purchase of a new Fire and Rescue Truck for the city of Wabash. Mayor McCallen confirmed the city will continue to provide fire and rescue assistance when available, for occurrences outside the city limits, and assume full responsibility for repair and maintenance of the vehicle.

Health Dept.: Jane Skeans and Marilyn Rider requested a designated parking space outside Memorial Hall for Wednesday "shot days". Commissioners authorized the highway dept. to make a sign, "Reserved for Health Dept., Wednesday, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M."

Appointed Lynn Huber to the Carnegie Library Board, re-appointed Dr. Robert Beckett and Dorothea Biehl to the Board of Health, all 3 effective thru December 2000. Motioned by Darle, seconded by Les, and approved.

Drainage Board Meetings: Set for the 1st and 3rd Monday's of each month at 10:00 A.M.

Herb Underwood retirement compensation: Concurred with Council decision to pay at current rate for accrued vacation and sick days. Agreed since additional funds were available in the account, as no Engineer has been hired, to pay the total due in one payment. Herb was credited for 13 1/2 vacation days and 66 sick days based on a comparison of Highway department records and Herb's records.

Steve Kasper, Communications Consulting Services: Presented a new recommendation to switch to LDSS for long distance phone service. Rates average 9¢ a minute, and represent a 19% savings. Darle motioned to switch to LDSS, seconded by Les, and approved.

Charlie Alvey, Bernadin & Lochmueller: Spoke on changing classification of Wedcorp Drive and Farr Pike. He also requested his company be included on a bidding list for projects.

Benicorp Insurance, Paul Bergman: Paul said deductible from Healthsource insurance will carry over to Benicorp. Paul will meet with department heads to answer questions.

Prince/Alexander Architects, Terry Burnworth: His company would like to be authorized to prepare a proposal for courthouse restoration/expansion project. This would help the study committee assess needs.


Lighting Design Services: Paul met with Carol and Deputy Auditor, Nancy Laudenschlager, to explain billing. Invoice # 1492 for \$12,300.00 is owed Lighting Design, after we have received our rebate from PSI, which should cover the invoice amount. Our contract with Government Capital Corp. could be paid off with one payment of \$45,000.00 or monthly payments plus interest over the six years of the contract. Commissioners will track the savings for one year, and then decide whether to pay off balance or continue monthly payments.

Carroll Street property acquisition: Les feels it would be a conflict of interest for him to do the appraisal, so we'll hire it done.

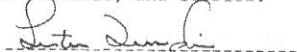
Signed Payroll Check Register and Allowance Docket.

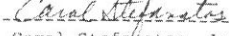
Reviewed the Treasurer's Monthly Report.

There being no further business, Les motioned to adjourn, Darle seconded, and carried.


Brian Hauptert, Chairman


Darle Dawes


Lester Templin

Attest: 
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor, Wabash County