

January 6, 1997

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session with all members present, Brian Hauptert, Darle Dawes and Lester Templin.

Secretary, Carol Stefanatos, conducted the election of officers for 1997. Darle nominated Brian for Chairman, Les seconded, and the motion carried. Brian nominated Darle for Vice Chairman, seconded by Les, motion carried. Board appointments: Brian to Emergency Management Board and North Central Private Industries Council, Darle to Plan Commission, Les to WEDCORP, and all to the Wabash County Solid Waste Management District.

Darle motioned to approve the Dec. 23rd minutes as read, ^{BRIAN} Les seconded, motion carried.

County Highway: Larry Rice reports Corporate Health Care fees are going up, he'll contact them to meet with commissioners. Two county trucks were involved in an accident 12/26/96. Sheriff investigated, claim sent to insurance, county not at fault. Larry has a signed petition requesting chip and seal for a 1/4 mile section on 900 N east of 400 W. Darle says there's one block in Urbana that needs work, it could be done when they're working on 100 E, probably without a petition.

White's Residential Services, Dee Gibson: Signed contract for juvenile housing in 1997. They're still targeting a Feb. 1st opening, and billing will begin after first month of program.

Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Bob Luce: Reports only one property on Carroll St project yet to buy, and he'll hire an abstractor to do the work for old St. Rd. 15 right-of-way. Bob will prepare a proposal for hiring engineer work on an hourly basis from his company.

Board of Health, Marilyn Rider: She needs verification of approval to charge for genealogy research. Darle motioned to approve her form and add suggested fee rates, Les seconded and the motion carried. Dr. Dannacher needs a key to Memorial Hall, Carol will get him one.

Lighting Design, Paul Augspurger: Project is complete, we should have forms within 3 weeks needed for rebate. Commissioners would like a monthly audit report for the first year, Carol will send copies of monthly bills. Paul reported jail generator wasn't working when they did jail. Commissioners signed approval to assign lighting contract.

Sheriff, Tim Roberts: He's ordered 2 cars, a Lumina and a "96" Caprice. along with a used "94" truck for the canine unit. Cars need painted, truck is O.K. Tim wants approval to advertise specifications for bids for a new computer system for the Sheriff's office and jail. Les motioned, Darle seconded and motion carried.

Pulley Financial Services, Tony Pulley: Has health care proposal, told to check back in July.

County Attorney, Tom Mattern: The two Daymude condemnation cases for Highway 24 have been settled. Tort notice on Casey Dugan case has been sent to insurance company, no word back, yet. Foreclosure case naming County Treasurer and Auditor has been transferred to Federal Court.

Access to lock-box for Surveyor security tape storage: Les motioned to allow Deputy Surveyor, Cheri Slee, access. Darle seconded and the motion carried.

Telephone Maintenance Agreement with ALSTAR Communications for 1997. Darle motioned to go with basic coverage, Plan A, costing \$1560.00. Les seconded, motion carried.

Independant Appraisal, Inc. : Update of buildings for insurance, Darle motioned to do update at a cost of \$210.00, Les seconded, motion was carried.

Part-time Custodian for Memorial Hall: Les motioned to hire Dick Smith, seconded by Darle and carried. He begins Jan. 7, 1997, will not exceed 40 hrs. weekly between Sherrif's dept. and Memorial Hall. Hourly wages at Memorial Hall of \$9.10 first 6 months, increased to \$9.50 for remainder of 1997. Given credit for 5 years past employment, he's eligible for two weeks' vacation, longevity pay, and all benefits as desired. Vacation pay split between departments.

Courthouse Evening Lock-up : Commissioners agreed to have Chad Dilling, Plan Commissioner, continue to lock-up evenings. Ron Harris would work 10 1/2 hr. days if he did it. Ron noted he assumes no responsibility for courthouse after he leaves at 2:45 P.M.

Animal Control Ordinance Publication Claim: Commissioners approved payment of claim.

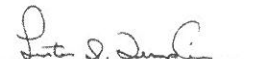
Plan Commission and Board of Appeals Appointments: Les motioned and Darle seconded to re-appoint Joe Vogel and David Schuler to 4 year terms on the Plan Commission. Darle motioned and Les seconded to re-appoint Joe Vogel to a 4 year term on the Board of Appeals. Carried.

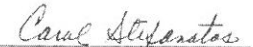
Commissioners signed the Payroll Claim and ^{Allowance Docket} ~~Docket Allowance~~ and the Payroll Check Register.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Brian Hauptert, Chairman


Darle Dawes


Lester Templin

ATTEST

Carol Stefanatos
Auditor, Wabash County