

March 20, 2000

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioner's Conference Room with all members present. Minutes of the 3/13 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and carried. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim and Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register, and reviewed the Clerk's Report for February and the Benicomp Monthly Report. They reviewed a letter from Steve Johnson, director of the Wabash Co. Solid Waste District, which outlined recycled products that will be used in the justice building project, and listed other possible recycled products that could be used. They reviewed a notification of approval of the Section 5311 public transportation grant for this year. This allows continuation of public transportation, at a nominal fee, that is administered thru the Council on Aging, locally. Les moved to transfer the \$100,000., awarded thru the Build Indiana Fund for the Sears building renovation to house the museum, from the county general fund to Wabash Co. Historical Museum Inc., second by Darle, and passed, with Brian abstaining due to his position on the museum project board. Attorney, Tom Mattern, reminded Commissioners the bond hearing with the State Board of Tax Commissioners is set for 3/23 at 10:30 A.M. in Conference Room 2 of the IN Government Center South. Brian, Bob Whitesel, Co. Council Chairman, and Bill Bradley, WEDCOR director, will meet with Chris Johnston of Municipal Consultants, at 9:15 to fine tune the presentation. Brian noted he met with Allen Miracle of Van Buskirk Insurance Managers last week to sign the contract for employee health insurance thru Benicomp, approved last week.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry reports after research, his recommendations for minimum amounts for equipment to be advertised for sale would be: \$7,000. for the truck, \$3,500. for the grader and \$1,500. for the roller. Commissioners agreed. Larry will study options to resolve a water problem complaint on Baumbauer Road. Water runs toward the road from a driveway that accommodates several homes. There's no side ditch on the road, and possibly no drainage on the private property. Larry had another complaint from a Somerset resident about sod being torn up by snow plows. Berming and gravel in the right-of-way would help the county, as residents currently groom their lawns to the road side. Commissioners think they should meet with Somerset residents before making changes. Commissioners and Larry discussed an unimproved section of Laforge Road that was abandoned by the county in 1989. An adjacent property may be landlocked. Tom Mattern will review the matter. Commissioners approved a written request from Larry for vacation days April 3rd thru 7th definitely, with the possibility of March 31st, also. With no further business the meeting adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor