

May 8, 2000

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 5/1 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the Treasurer's report for both March and April, the April Financial Report and the Memorial Hall/Jail custodian hours. Upon the recommendation of Deb Schneider, Council on Aging (COA) director, Les moved for Brian to sign the notice of intent to apply for a 5311 Public Transit Grant for 2001, second by Darle, and carried. Brian also signed a notification of deobligation of Transit Grant funds for 1999. This releases \$387. of unused funds from our 1999 Section 18 (5311) grant. Deb reports her expenses were lower than the grant amount. Pre-construction meetings and the ground-breaking ceremony for the new judicial building are rescheduled for 5/11/00 from 5/9. Les moved to support two requests for additional funds presented by the Health Dept., second by Darle, and passed. The requests, for the 100 accounts, are \$1200. for PERF and \$6000. for group insurance, due to wage and cost increases respectively. County nurse, Jane Skeans, is now charging \$3.00 for tuberculosis tests, and will ask Council approval to use the collected funds for additional supplies for T.B. tests. County Attorney, Tom Mattern, sees no compromise on the county part, to grant authority to Benicomp Group to pursue a lawsuit on behalf of the county against our reinsurance carrier. Les moved approval for Brian to sign, second by Darle, and carried. Commissioners reviewed, and took under advisement, a request from Municipal Consultants for an additional \$6,761. in fees, for their post as financial consultant on the bond issue for the judicial building. The original fee of \$11,000. is insufficient, due to a delay on the county's part that caused 64 additional hours of work for Municipal Consultants, according to the request.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: The biannual bridge inspection is complete, and Larry will meet with Jim Hamilton of Butler, Fairman & Seufert (BF & S) tomorrow for a report. The pre-construction meeting for the Carroll St. bridge is 5/16 at 10:00 a.m. at Wabash INDOT, and Commissioners need to send a "notice to proceed" to BF & S, these are steps toward beginning construction. Larry also reports INDOT will adjust the timing at the Columbus St./Wabash St. intersection, their preference, rather than adding a turn arrow. Larry shared a copy of the letter sent to the Ousley's (on 5/4) about tile repair costs on CR 1300 N. Les moved to request \$110,000. appropriation from Local Road & Street (R&S) funds for two mowers for the highway department, second by Darle & passed. Larry recommends buying a used boom mower from Deeds Equipment that could be used year round for trimming limbs for under \$56,000., and a new side mount mower unit for under \$54,000. Larry could test the used machine for a few days, and they should get about \$15,000. trade-in for the 1992 mower, towards the new unit. Les moved to request up to \$230,000. from R&S money for underseal, joint milling, wedge and new surface on a 2.7 mile area on CR 175E & CR 180E, second by Darle, and passed. Les moved to request \$70,000. from R&S funds for the same work within a 1 mile area on CR 300E, second by Darle, and passed. Les moved to request \$340,000. from R&S funds for a 1.7 mile area of Durnbaugh Road, second by Darle, and carried. There's 15 drain structures and a retaining wall in this area that's now a gravel road, and this amount doesn't include asphalt. Larry and Sheriff Roberts talked about an open ditch (regulated not certified) on CR 700S less than 1/2 mile east of CR 390E that continues to encroach the road, and needs attention. The drainage board will look into it.

Tim Roberts, Sheriff: He's studying combining two unused radios of his to set up a radio repeater system for fire units in the north and south parts of the county. The Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) has a 150 ft. tower in good condition they're willing to donate, if the county covers the cost of moving and installation. Tim estimates that would cost \$9,000. to \$12,000., plus \$300. for a new radio frequency, plus a few other minor costs. Experts say height and a clear channel should eliminate current communication problems. Fire units would have to budget for needed equipment to receive messages. Commissioners told Sheriff Roberts to notify DNR he'd like the tower, and proceed with the project. They would like the county share of funding to come from the E-911 account, and the Auditor will check the uncommitted balance. With no further business they adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor