

May 22, 2000

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members attending. Minutes of the 5/8 and 5/15 meeting were both approved as written, moved for each by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the Clerk's Monthly Report for April and the Memorial Hall/Jail custodian hours. Commissioners discussed, and sent their vote of support for toll free calling between the 563 (Wabash) and 774 (Urbana) phone exchanges. They learned Galaxy Cablevision will upgrade their traditional cable service to Direct T.V. within the next 3 months, for their subscribers in Liberty Mills, Roann and Urbana. They reviewed an estimate from Pries Lawn Services to weed treat the 57,704 square feet of lawn on the courthouse square. Pries recommends a fall application. Commissioners took the matter under advisement, and may seek an additional estimate. They learned from the Auditor that the State Board of Accounts Audit of the county is complete, and they would like the dormant County Home Improvement Fund closed, and the funds placed in the County General Account. The state also wants Commissioners to sign all leases for the county, along with the department head. Commissioners advised Jim Summers to carry a petition, collecting neighboring property owners' signatures, in support of placing a 40 mph speed limit on CR 600 E between CR 250 S and CR 400 S. Summers says the area is hilly, and there's a great deal of reservoir traffic. Commissioners will help County Clerk, Jo Ann Hettmansperger, find space to move her records stored below the Clerk's office. This area will be used for the new heating/cooling system for the county buildings. Commissioners may relinquish their meeting room for storage.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: The Carroll Street bridge pre-construction meeting on 5/16 went well, and Toby Steffan, is the site supervisor. We're still waiting on the corrected invoice from INDOT for the county's 20% share of the project. Once that's paid the notice to proceed may be issued. Larry says Indiana Pest Control is coming to treat for carpenter bees at the food building on the fairgrounds. Larry also said the fairboard has offered \$1500. for the grader that was advertised for sale at a minimum bid of \$3500. There were no bids, so Darle moved to sell the grader to the fairboard for \$1500. second by Les, and passed. The department continues to mow.

RLG (Spring Valley Landfill) tax delinquent property: Attorney, Don Metz, representing Wabash Valley Landfill (WVL), asked Commissioners to consider turning the property that has been offered in tax sales since 1994 over to WVL. If the county would forgive the outstanding taxes, WVL would in turn, complete the closure process for Spring Valley, which should eliminate leachate seeping into ground water and area contamination. They would also use a vacant section to expand their site. WVL will ask IDEM, who holds a 3 million judgement on the property, to forgive that debt in return for WVL site clean-up. Commissioners agreed that Mr. Metz begin the required process for the land transfer. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

Attest: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor