

June 5, 2000

Wabash County Commissioner Chairman, Brian K. Haupert, called the meeting to order with all members present. Minutes of the 5/30 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and carried. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket, the Payroll Check Register and the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. After learning both Emergency Management and the Sheriff's department have surplus items to sell, Commissioners tentatively set 7/28 at 4:00 p.m. for the surplus sale at the highway department. The Auditor will make sure an auctioneer is available for that date. Commissioners signed a letter of support of a housing grant for Pathfinders Services, Inc., for more moderate income housing in Wabash County. Les moved to re-appoint Phyllis Butler to the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals for 2000, second by Darle, and passed. They listened to David Wolfrum's concerns about the location of Wabash City jurisdictional signs, following the recent annexations, and will see what information they can gather. Commissioners also learned James Holmes has water run-off damage to his driveway. He feels the culvert installed by the county a few years ago is the culprit, and wants the problem fixed, and his drive repaired. Commissioners will visit the area, but said the county doesn't repair private drives. Commissioner Attorney, Tom Mattern, reported two Tort notices have been referred to our insurance carrier, Beauchamp & McSpadden. One is a class action suit against several sheriff departments, including ours, for collect call phone service for inmates, and the other names the county as a co-defendant in a traffic case filed in Miami County. Mr. Mattern will also tell Don Metz, attorney for Wabash Valley Landfill, Inc., Commissioners want to meet with him before proceeding with turn over of the Spring Valley Landfill site, which has not sold in subsequent tax sales since 1994. Melissa Burnworth from Prince/Alexander (P/A) Architects, updated Commissioners on construction progress. The first job site meeting is today at 1:30, and on the 1st and 3rd Monday's of each month thereafter. Excavation is ahead of schedule. Melissa presented three claims for architect consultation, excavation and survey work. Les moved to pay the claims totaling \$102,655.00, second by Darle, and carried.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Crews have started their second round of mowing. Lagro Twp. bridge # 10 on CR 400 N .03 of a mile east of CR 100 E has exposed and rusting steel beams where concrete has disintegrated. The road has deteriorated, also. Larry's men will dig to get to the root of the problem. After discussing speed zones throughout the county, Les moved to lower the speed to 45 mph on CR 600 E between CR 250 S and CR 500 S, second by Darle, and carried. The petition from area property owners had requested a 40 mph zone, but 45 mph is consistent with other rural speed zones. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian K. Haupert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor