

June 12, 2000

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 6/5 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and carried. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register, and reviewed the May Financial Report. Learned the county has employee benefits liability coverage as an endorsement on our Cincinnati comprehensive general liability policy. They also learned the county has a \$60,000. refund due from the self-insured part of the employee medical insurance thru Benicomp, but due to outstanding claims, and pending litigation against their re-insurance carrier for non payment of claims, Benicomp will only release \$4000. at this time. Commissioners reviewed a letter from Toni Adams of WKUZ Radio, notifying they were doubling the lease for the E-911 box on their LaFontaine tower at 8693 S 200 E, effective immediately. Commissioners will talk with the Sheriff, and pursue alternatives to paying \$360. per month rather than the current \$180. Brian and Les plan to attend the zoning variance meeting 6/15 at 7:30 in City Hall. The request is for a variance for the judicial building which will exceed the 35 ft. height restriction for buildings in the downtown area. Commissioners learned Mark Metzger agreed to conduct the surplus auction on 7/28, and will be sending a contract. Attorney, Tom Mattern heard from our insurance carrier regarding the Tort notice against the Sheriff due to his inmate phone agreement. In short, the errors & omissions coverage excludes adult penal facilities. Heard a request from Sabrina Street with the Small Business Development Center, for funding in 2001 for their twice a month visits to Wabash to counsel people interested in starting their own business. She asked for \$2500. and received support from Galen Bremmer, Wabash Chamber of Commerce director, and Bill Bradley with WEDCOR. Commissioners also had a request from Nancy Hoffman, Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC) director, for increased funding in 2001. Board members Dick Rider and Donna Wilhelm supported the request of \$54,600. Nancy says the state is becoming more restrictive in their budgeting, especially for adults. Emergency Management director, Paul Bergman, asked Commissioners to support his 2001 budget, which has an increase of only a 1%. Brian and the Auditor met today with Mary Jane, State Board of Accounts Auditor, for the 1999 exit audit. Although the report was good, we need to work harder on keeping fixed asset records current, and increase the minimum to \$1,000., then keep an inventory of lesser valued items.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Has a road cut request from Lance Agness, 4771 W 1000 N. Scott Eads will do the work and furnish the tile. Larry says with the road having a 40 ft. right-of-way, Agness should pay the county \$280. for the road cut. County policy has been that since the road is forever compromised due to the cut, the county charges whether or not they do the work. Les moved to approve the cut, second by Darle, and passed. Larry says a SPRINT request to bury cable for 425 ft. to 6401 N 200 W, then bore under CR 200 W looks okay. Les moved to approve the SPRINT request, second by Darle, and signed by Brian. Larry says the used boom mower he wanted to buy is no longer available. Commissioners set July 17th at 9:00 A.M. as the bid deadline for two new mower units. Larry reported a county truck backed into a car last Friday, with damage only to the car. He said too often the public doesn't acknowledge warning signs of road work. Larry personally delivered the settle up check to INDOT for the county 20% share of the Carroll Street bridge project, but he hasn't been notified when construction will begin. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor