

June 26, 2000

Commissioner Vice Chairman, Darle Dawes, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with Brian Hauptert absent. Minutes of the 6/19 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle, and carried. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket, the Payroll Check Register, an agreement with Terry Mullett to handle the County Surplus Auction for 12.5% of the income, with the county paying for advertisement and the Emergency Management 3rd quarter report. They reviewed the Jail/Memorial Hall custodian hours. They reviewed and took under advisement two requests for funding from the Commissioners 2001 budget. One from the Soil & Water Conservation District for \$6,000. and the other from Council on Aging for \$15,000. They learned from their attorney, Tom Mattern, that he has received the final transcript for the judicial building bond from Ice, Miller, Donadio & Ryan. Linda Pyle presented signed petitions from neighbors of railroad (RR) crossings who are requesting advance warning signs. The crossings in question are on Cr 100 W, Cr 1400 N and CR 200 W. Pyle also learned there's a grant available thru INDOT that may be used to purchase warning signs, and Kosciusko Co. got \$34,000. for that purpose as has Elkhart Co. received money. Commissioners & Larry Rice think all crossings that don't have gates and/or flashing lights should get the same treatment, if anything is done. Larry estimates there are 24 north/south and 4 east/west crossings that would be affected. Larry has enlisted Mike Scime with the RR, to work on foliage clearing at the crossings from his end. Larry was aware of the grant, and will pursue getting an application and he has learned the law allowing counties to place STOP signs prior to RR crossings has been revised. Mr. Mattern asked whether the Sheriff had been consulted about enforcement. Commissioners thanked Mrs. Pyle for her efforts, and she offered her continued help. Vince Harrell and Jo Ann Hettmansperger asked Commissioners to consider two part-time positions with the county that total 35 hours a week, as full time employment, and eligible for benefits enjoyed by other full time employees. Libby Cook has shared time between the Extension Office and the Co. Clerk's Office since 1/18/98. Les moved to consider the two positions full time, with Libby eligible for 5 days vacation effective immediately, and longevity pay in 2001, second by Darle, and carried. Les will talk with the judges about using the law library for storing what must be removed from the Clerk's basement storage area. Darle will look at a standing water complaint from Jean Driscoll of Urbana, today. Tina Edwards, Chief Probation Officer, told Commissioners a ceiling caved in over the week-end at the Probation office. Darle will ask Randy Tackett to look into patching the roof and ceiling. Darle asked Tom Mattern to send a certified letter to Max Gaston of Urbana, giving him two weeks from receipt of the letter to remove a tree and 3 lilac bushes that obstruct the view and alley access.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Crews have completed calcium treatments. Les moved to change the Yield sign for eastbound traffic at Division Rd. and CR 150 W to a STOP sign second by Darle, and carried. Larry has learned it's under the county rather than state jurisdiction. Larry thinks two road cut requests are okay for Commissioner approval. Les moved to approve the request from Cyclone Manufacturing Co. to do a cut in the 60 ft. right-of-way on E. Washington St. in Urbana, with \$600. due the county, and subject to catch basin work meeting Co. Surveyor John Stephens' specifications, second by Darle, and carried. Les moved to approve a Buckeye Pipeline request for a cut on CR 950 N east of CR 100 W, second by Darle, and carried. It will only affect one lane, so traffic won't be prohibited.

Spring Valley Landfill (SVL) property: Attorney Don Metz and Wabash Valley Landfill (WVL) representatives presented a revised agreement with the county for turn over of SVL tax delinquent property to WVL, with the delinquent taxes forgiven by the county. In return WVL will close the SVL site according to IDEM specifications and use an unused area to expand their capacity. WVL must also get a \$3 million judgement against SVL released by IDEM before they go forward with the project. The agreement stipulates no out of state trash will be accepted by WVL. The parties will meet next Monday when all three Commissioners should be present. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes, Vice Chair

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor