

November 13, 2000

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 11/6 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. They reviewed, and took under advisement, a quote from Crystal Clear Glass Co. to replace 11 glass doors with tempered glass at a cost of \$137.45 per glass, plus \$660. for labor, totaling \$2,171.95. Commissioners talked with Life-Med Ambulance Services representatives about their coverage of northern Wabash County. Life-Med ended inter hospital transports last July, and expects Medicare changes in 2001 may leave the business \$99,000. in the red next year. Owner Chris Brown, estimates 62% of their business involves Medicare or Medicaid. The county can't afford to pay that above the \$77,500. they already pay, and the town of Manchester is strapped, too. Brown has talked to them already, but thinks Peabody and Timbercrest Retirement Homes should be approached for funding, since they're tax exempt, and major users of the service. Brown is willing to continue the services for the first quarter of next year if negotiations are in progress, although his contract ends 12/31. Commissioner Attorney, Tom Mattern, presented Ordinance 2000 VIII, which prohibits U - turns at the intersection of CR 200 S and Old Highway 24 W for all traffic. Commissioners signed the ordinance. The Sheriff and employees removed the spiral staircase in the Clerk's office on Nov. 8th. The highway department transported it and will store it for later sale. Commissioners thanked both departments for their work. Schlemmer Brothers made a steel plate to cover the opening, and Commissioners want payment to come from the judicial building budget. Commissioners listened to a presentation from Card Services, International about the county setting up a program for payment by credit card.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: John Speidel Jr., with Butler, Fairman & Seufert, will add the Old 24 W overpass to the federal assistance program repairs list. Larry got Commissioner approval to request additional funds for his liability insurance account (\$ 8,000.) and printing and advertising (\$400.), moved by Les, second by Darle, and passed. Larry will refer a report that someone is driving a semi tractor over the steel bridge in Liberty Mills, to the Sheriff. It's on the repair work agenda. He'll also ask the Sheriff to talk to the owner about moving the trailer in Urbana, that's too close to the road. Larry had two requests from Verizon Communications to bury cable for new lines, both of which look okay. Commissioners signed them for (1) Old 24 W from 5903 W, west for 1700 feet in the south R/W and (2) CR 100 N east of St. Rd. 13 near 419 E 100 N.

White's Residential Services Emergency Shelter Placement Agreement: Tina Edwards, Probation supervisor, presented a 2001 agreement for approval. She recommends continuing to maintain five beds daily at the facility. The price will increase \$3.00 per day per bed, but it's still a better deal than elsewhere, at \$97.50 per bed per day. The same rate will be charged for additional beds rented on a day to day basis. The charge is lower to us than to other counties. Tina says the county averages 11 children in detention daily, usually 8 are sent to White's and 3 out of the county. Les moved to approve the 2001 contract, second by Darle, and passed. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor