

MAY 12, 2003

Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 5/5 meeting were approved as written, moved by Brian Haupt, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the Jail/Judicial Center custodian hours. They noted Abell Elevator Services is increasing maintenance service costs for the Judicial Center elevator by 4%, effective immediately. Quarterly fees will increase from \$505.30 to \$525.51. They also learned Insight Communications will increase their Basic Cable services to \$12.70 per month, effective with the June billing cycle. The hourly service charge will increase to \$44.95. Commissioners chose not to sign an agreement with Tower Clock Co. to annually service the courthouse clock for \$350.00. Commissioners reviewed a recommendation from Lee Shellhamer, Chairman of the Wabash Co. Hospital Board of Directors. The Board submitted the names of Edwin L. Cable and Richard B. Harshbarger, both of North Manchester, to fill the vacancy created when Jim Mishler left the board. The board recommends the selection of Edwin Cable, who is active in the community, has an accounting background and is connected with the college. Darle moved to appoint Cable for a four year term thru 3/31/07, second by Brian, and passed. The board also submitted the names of Marna Hettmansperger and Ken Ahlfeld, both of Wabash, recommending Ms Hettmansperger be re-appointed to the board. Brian moved to re-appoint Hettmansperger thru 3/31/07, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners approved a request from Mandy Ramsey of Roann to hold her wedding ceremony at the Roann covered bridge in the late afternoon of 8/2/03, with an evening rehearsal on 8/1. They recommend she contact the Roann Lions Club to make certain they have no conflicts with those times. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern reports the pre-trial hearing on eminent domain along Old Rd. 15 S is this Friday in Cass County. They will likely set a trial date. He is expecting a return call from Mark Guenin, to update him on settlement progress. Brian told Tom he should be hearing from REMC about purchase of their tower. County resident, Terry Brewer is upset by litter along the roadways from trash trucks heading to the landfill. He thought trucks were supposed to have covers to prevent trash from flying out in transit. Les says it has been a Sheriff department policy to ticket violators, and they will talk with the Sheriff. They will also bring the matter up at their monthly Solid Waste District meeting this afternoon.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Weekend storm damage includes downed trees and high water. A downspout at the highway barn blew down and went thru the back window of the night watchman's car. He will notify insurance this morning. Larry will check for a blocked culvert along CR 500 S near the Frank Monroe property. Monroe has a drainage problem that is impeded by the railroad and State Rd. 15. Monroe says there is a catch basin 2/10 mile from his property, but the side ditch to it is plugged with dirt. Larry says the basin is in the opposite direction of the natural flow of water, and since the Monroe property is the lowest point in the area, he might not be able to side ditch deep enough to drain the Monroe property. Definitely, Monroe needs cooperation from the railroad and state highway department to resolve his problem. Commissioners reminded him the county is responsible for keeping water off the roads. Les says property owners in the area of CR 700 S and CR 550 W are complaining about standing water, and at times, water over the road. There are two risers, but they may be plugged. Larry will look at the area. Bruno Canzian with the IN Dept. of Transportation (INDOT), has notified the county by letter, that the request to approve engineering fees paid on the contract for Bridge # 28 on CR 200 W at Laketon, cannot be credited toward the local share of the federal project. This decision is based on a policy that took effect 4/1/03.

Lori Draper, Co. Clerk: The firewall is installed on her computer system. CSI Computers discovered most of the personal computers don't have virus protection. CSI will put Norton anti-virus on all Judicial Center PC's for \$1,142. plus \$425. per year for maintenance and updates. Lori now supports the new CSI software that includes "docs pop", which allows local attorneys access to the system for a monthly fee. She'll seek approval from the judges to go ahead with the program, and Commissioners support her decision. She will pay for security expenses on election day from her election fund, as the judges gave her a bill for \$72.00. She's moving her accounts to a new bank, getting new checks, and planned to buy the checks thru Boyce Systems, until she learned ABF Forms has the bid for check printing. She's had some problems with the quality of receipts from ABF, plus the Boyce checks are cheaper. She and the Auditor will look into purchase requirements, since these are laser checks and they're not specifically mentioned on the ABF bid.

Memorial Hall HVAC project: James McCleary with Scarce Rudisel Architects, met with Commissioners and a Quality Electric representative to discuss the fresh air requirement for the project. A 200 sq. inch opening is needed, and the existing chimney isn't likely that large. Options include a new opening in the Memorial Hall roof, another opening in the Judicial Center roof, then thru a window in Memorial Hall, or hooking into the air ex-change system for the Judicial Center if it's large enough. Quality Electric will check all three options for the best choice. Quality Electric estimated \$4300. to lower the existing chimney at Memorial Hall, which won't be necessary with the change in plans, so that money can be redirected towards a new opening for air exchange. Commissioners want the old chimney capped to keep water out, but allow air movement, in an attempt to eliminate mold problems in the shaft. Commissioners approved payment of a claim submitted by Scarce Rudisel for reimbursable expenses (printing costs in this case) in the amount of \$71.07. The contract allows for a not to exceed amount of \$4800. in reimbursable costs for the project. With no further business, the meeting recessed.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Hauptert

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor