

December 8, 2004

Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 12/1 meeting were approved as written, moved by Brian Hauptert, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Sheriff, Leroy Striker, reports there are 80 inmates in jail this morning. Commissioners asked Co. Assessor, Kelly Schenkel to get another quote before buying a printer for her office. They also suggested seeking a trial demonstration before buying, to make sure she gets what she wants. Her 1993 model needs a maintenance repair kit totaling about \$600.00. She could use reassessment funds to buy a new Hewlett-Packard 4200 printer for \$1614. She would like to keep the current printer for back up. Beth Miller, coordinator for Working Against Substance Abuse (WASA) presented their plan for using grant funds in 2004. Funds are generated by locally levied fines for offenses related to alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. 75% stays local and 25% goes to the state. 2004 requests total \$33,331. and have been approved by the WASA board. Brian moved support of the grant recommendations, second by Darle, and passed. Co. Council will make the final decision in January. Commissioners asked Bob Brown, Emergency Management director, to work with local media to get snow policy information to the public. The county has two levels, one is an alert to use caution and the second is a notice to keep off the roads unless there's an emergency. He will also get information on the Howard Co. plan for Les. Commissioners will get information on their two appointments to the Wabash City Planning Board, including qualifications and term length. Nancy Jones of Wabash, has expressed an interest in the position.

Whites Family Services Agreement: Probation Chief, Dallas Duggan, presented a shelter placement agreement for 2004. It provides for four beds per day in the Shelter Care Unit at \$106.00 per bed, per day. Additional beds, if needed and available, would run \$106.00 per day, too. The contract is a decrease from 5 beds per day in 2003, and an increase in per bed cost from \$104.00 in 2003. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, has reviewed and approved the contract. Brian moved to accept the 2004 contract, second by Darle, and passed.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: He had pictures of an area of Bailey Road where Sheriff Striker said several accidents have occurred. Larry says there's ample berm, and his crew did some shoulder repairs, so there's not as big a drop off from the road. He suggested Commissioners look at the area themselves. Larry doesn't think guardrail is warranted. Larry reports Harry Bekel on CR 800 S, is putting together a request for a road cut to run a manure line across the road. Commissioners gave tentative approval to proceed with planning, and they would decide costs when plans are finalized. With no further business the meeting recessed.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Hauptert

ATTEST:

Carol Stefanatos, Auditor