

January 2, 2001

Wabash Co. Auditor, Carol Stefanatos, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioner's Conference Room with all members present. At her request for nominations for Commissioner board chairman, Darle Dawes moved to nominate Lester Templin as chairman for 2001, second by Brian Hauptert, the motion passed. Brian then moved to nominate Darle as vice chairman, second by Les, and passed. Darle moved to approve the 12/18/00 minutes as written, second by Brian, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. They reviewed the Dec. financial report, the Benicomp health insurance monthly report, the Weights & Measures monthly report and the Jail/Memorial Hall custodian hours. Upon the recommendation of Joanna Strode, Wabash Carnegie Library director, Brian moved to re-appoint Wayne Barkey to a four year term on the library board, ending 12/31/04, second by Darle, and passed. Brian moved to re-appoint Max Reed as Veterans Service director thru 2001, second by Darle, and passed. Emergency Management director, Paul Bergman, presented his fiscal year first quarter report (Oct. 1 thru Dec. 31 2000), for review, and Les signed the report. Custodian, Ron Harris, reports a radiator in the Probation director's office is leaking, and has been shut off, leaving no heat source in that office. Commissioners directed Ron to get Quality Electric to check radiators in the old jail section of the building, and see if one could be moved from there. Ron reported later that a usable radiator was found in the old jail, and will be moved today. Brian noted that Mayor Copeland was upset that the city ambulance was being called to respond to calls in the Life-Med area, and do return transports for those delivered to the hospital by Life-Med. He's had complaints that Life-Med is refusing service. Although the county contract with Life-Med expired 12/31/00, Life-Med had indicated they wouldn't leave the area without service, and Brian is negotiating for a temporary resolution. Darle questioned why the city service was so intent on covering the Somerset and Roann area's, but say they would be overburdened to cover the entire county. Commissioners, and their attorney, Tom Mattern, revised some verbiage in the snow ordinance approved on December 18th, and will sign a corrected copy next week. Mr. Mattern also had a letter from Indiana Farm Bureau, Inc. They're concerned about property tax growth throughout the state, and are requesting early notification of any intended bonding by the county in 2001. Steve VanVoorhis, with Edward D. Jones and Company, told Commissioners he would like to administer the employee funded retirement program for county employees. Since changes are taking place with the Indiana Deferred Compensation Plan, the county's current plan, Steve thinks this is the time to change to a local provider, with personal service. Steve would recommend The Hartford Company, with 7 of the top 10 funds in the country in this package. Although Steve thinks his administrative costs would be a little higher than the state plan, he's competitive, and across the street, available for consultations, versus the current computerized phone transaction policy. Commissioners will review his prospectus. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Hauptert

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor