

January 8, 2001

Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 1/2 meeting were approved as written, moved by Brian Hauptert, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. Upon the recommendation of Chad Dilling, Plan Commissioner, Darle moved to re-appoint Don Roser to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a four year term thru 2004, second by Brian, and passed. Commissioners signed Ordinance 2000-IX, the Snow Alert/Snow Emergency ordinance approved at their 12/18/00 meeting. Brian moved to approve Ordinance 2001-I, the Co. Corrections Fund ordinance, second by Darle, and passed. Brian moved to approve the bond for Co. Treasurer, Lu Ann Layman, second by Darle, and passed. After review, Darle moved to approve the 2001 phone maintenance agreement with Allstar Communications for the Courthouse/Memorial Hall system, second by Brian, and passed. They chose option A, Monday thru Friday coverage, excluding holidays at \$2607. for the year. Chris Brown, with Life-Med, Inc. returned a signed copy of a revised agreement between Life-Med and Wabash County, prepared by Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern. It will run thru March 2001, and the county agrees to pay Life-Med \$8,458.33 per month for ambulance service to the northern part of Wabash County. This is an increase of \$2,000. per month, and a clause allows for re-negotiation. Commissioners signed the contract, too. Brian said the reports last week that Life-Med was refusing service weren't accurate. One time they were responding to another call and weren't available, and once they had just returned from a call, and needed to fuel up. Commissioners reviewed and signed the 5311 Transportation grant quarterly report presented by the Council on Aging. Toby Steffan with Butler, Fairman & Seufert, and Carroll St. bridge project foreman, reports the contractor has requested to decrease the size of the openings in the concrete guardrails, because he already has materials for smaller openings. Commissioners didn't agree to the proposed change, and want to stay with their original decision.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry reports crews worked 448 hours of overtime in December, and two trucks are out of service awaiting parts. Larry agreed to attend the storm drain hearing tonight at City Hall with Les. He thinks the highway property is either a class 3 or 4 property in their guidelines. Larry shared a letter from INDOT, giving official notification of transfer of Phase I of old road 24 E to the county. This includes 1.2 miles of superceded U.S. 24 (including the bridge over Enyeart Creek), and .79 miles of new access roads, all being between State Rd. 13 and CR 300 E. Larry says INDOT has complied with all county stipulations. The remainder won't be transferred until INDOT has completed required work. Larry sent very basic specs to all local car dealers, and Eriks Chevrolet in Kokomo, for quotes on a truck to replace his car. Dorais and Shepherd's didn't respond. Thomas Ford quoted a small Explorer all wheel drive, without cargo doors, at \$28,959.30 less \$7500. in trade for Larry's car and the former engineer vehicle. Wabash Valley Chrysler quotes a 2001 4.7 liter 4x4 Durango at \$31,275. less \$7500. in trade, a \$1000. discount and \$300. rebate. It doesn't include a trailer tow package, panel door or electronic shift. Denney's quoted two 2001 4x4 Yucon's. A 5.3 L at \$32115. or a 4.8 L at \$31,534. both less \$7000. with trade. Eriks listed two 4x4 Tahoe's on the lot that don't meet specs and a 2001 basic, special order, Tahoe at \$28,800. Eriks quote didn't include a trade-in value, and Commissioners won't make a decision until Larry gets those figures from Eriks.

County Museum: Brian reports Jean Gilbert is going to coordinate an inventory and packing at the current facility. The county also needs to find a secure location to store the inventory until it can be moved to the new facility, once renovation there is complete. To facilitate this process, the museum needs to be closed to the public. Darle moved to close the facility, effective Feb. 1, 2001, second by Brian and passed. Commissioners will seek secure storage facilities. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Hauptert

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor