

January 29, 2001

Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin called the meeting to order with all members present. Minutes of the 1/22 meeting were approved as written, moved by Darle Dawes, second by Brian Haupert, and carried. Commissioners reviewed the Jail/Memorial Hall custodian hours, learned the county will receive \$25,072. of the 4.1 million appropriated to the County Misdemeanant fund, around 9/1/01, for fiscal year 2000-2001. After learning that both Dr. Robert Beckett Jr. and Dorothea Biehl would accept reappointments, Brian moved to re-appoint both to the Wabash Co. Board of Health thru 12/31/03, second by Darle, and passed. Tom Mattern, Commissioner Attorney, reviewed a proposed agreement prepared by Wabash City attorney, Robert McCallen III, between the city, county and R & B Properties. It allows a one time forgiveness for R & B negligence to timely file for property tax abatement on their speculation building in the Wabash North Industrial Park, and releases local parties from any future responsibility to R & B, for meeting required deadlines. It was returned to McCallen for two suggested revisions. Mr. Mattern also presented an agreement to amend the original agreement with Prince/Alexander Architects for management services on the judicial building project. The proposal offers a later completion date and an extended payment schedule, since the project is behind schedule. Commissioners will review it. Sheriff Deputy, Barry Hicks, presented an agreement between Ford Motor Co. and the Wabash Co. Sheriff, to lease three 2001 Ford Crown Victoria vehicles for two years, at \$33,731.30 each year. Brian moved to approve the lease, second by Darle, and passed. Amy Haupert-Jarvis and Tom Blancher, with American United Life (AUL) talked with Commissioners and several employees about the merits of switching from the state deferred compensation program to their company, since the state program is in transition. AUL has over 473,000 plan participants, no exclusivity clause that prohibits employee involvement in multiple plans, allows unlimited transfers at no additional cost, produces quarterly reports and a newsletter, uses outside fund managers for all but the fixed accounts, has web sites and 16 employees available to help on their 800 line, and no minimum deposit amount since it's a group contract. There would be no transfer fees to switch from the state plan, since the state hasn't terminated their current fund agreements. After comparing with state administrative fees, their's run about .34 higher, but they promise better one on one service. AUL answered employee questions, and Commissioners took the matter under advisement. John Speidel, Jr., with Butler, Fairman and Seufert (BF&S) says their goal is to have paper work ready on the Old St. Rd. 15 S project by 2/12. Research is needed as some properties have changed ownership since the quest began to obtain right-of-way (R/W) for road improvements.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: All culverts are installed on Durnbaugh Rd, and the project awaits spring. Upon Larry's okay, Commissioners approved and signed a request from Verizon to bury cable in the west R/W of CR 650 W, south of St. Rd. 124, for 600 feet. Larry reports a department pick-up truck was badly damaged last week when struck by another vehicle. No estimate from the insurance, yet. Commissioners set a deadline of 2/20 to accept bids for a new truck and plow for the foreman, and Larry will get it advertised. They will use the foreman's current pick-up to replace the damaged truck. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Lester D. Templin, Chairman

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Darle V. Dawes

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Brian K. Haupert

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor