

March 19, 2001

Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 3/12 meeting were approved as written, moved by Darle Dawes, second by Brian Haupert, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim and Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. They reviewed the Clerk and Treasurer February reports and the Benicomp Insurance February Report. Upon the recommendation of David Hunter, Darle moved to reappoint F. Howard Halderman to the Wabash Co. Hospital Board of Trustees thru March 31, 2005, second by Brian, and passed. After learning Lawrence Murphy of 2136 S 75 E, Wabash, fits the criteria and would accept the appointment, Brian moved to appoint Mr. Murphy to the Wabash City Plan Commission to complete the term of Phillip Hapner, who resigned, second by Darle, and passed. After learning the Co. Health Department has been awarded a \$520. grant for 2001 thru the Local Health Maintenance Fund to obtain internet access, Commissioners directed them to get cost estimates for installation and monthly service. Toby Steffen, with Butler, Fairman & Seufert, presented Change Order # 3 on the Carroll St. Bridge project. A total of \$18,086.25, with the county 20% share at \$3,617.25, it covers mobilization of equipment from one side of the river to the other, lost work time and a change in Bent #1 because of a clay base rather than shale. The state negotiated, with compromise on both sides, including notification to the contractor of no future payment for down time. Brian moved to approve Change Order # 3, second by Darle, and passed. Toby says beams will be set next week. Commissioners agreed that Paul Bergman, Emergency Management director, could donate or junk some obsolete equipment from his department. Commissioners discussed medical coverage for county employees with agent, Allen Miracle, and decided not to change benefits, stay with a self-funded \$10,000. specific per covered individual, adding an aggregating pool of \$30,000. and using \$80,000. from our accumulated account administered by Benicomp. This should mean about a 12% increase over the current rates that expire April 1st. Allen will get the contract prepared for signatures. Clerk, Jo Ann Hettmansperger, thanked Commissioners for their choice of sites to store the voting machines during construction.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry is working on measuring Ijamsville streets. Not all estimates are in for highway building repairs, but he does have an estimate for lighting from Quality Electric of \$2500. plus \$1100. for center bay lights. Larry thought the 4-H Fair Board might help with lighting expenses. The amount of lighting needed won't be apparent until building repairs are finished. Eric Fleck has requested a road cut on Baumbauer Road, 2/10 of a mile east of CR 325 E. Fleck will furnish the tile, and asks the county to do the work. Larry estimates the cost to be \$323., and Darle moved approval, second by Brian, and passed. Larry says the highway department was reimbursed \$11,090. by FEMA for snow clearing work last December. Larry will contact Duane Wagner and suggest he add a drainage tile along his side of the road where the ditch has been filled in, after Darle agreed based on his observation, that's what's needed.

Judicial building project: Commissioners signed a contract with Pyramid Architects & Engineers for project management services, as approved at their 2/20 meeting. They reviewed the pay applications and change orders as submitted by Pyramid. A claim for Jeff Stinson, site manager, covers a period before Prince/Alexander was terminated, and should have been paid by P/A, and possibly could be recouped from them. Pyramid included additional expenses of \$4,832., over the monthly contract costs, for engineering, architectural and CADD work to correct errors in the P/A work. Pyramid presented 13 change orders, and after discussion, approval of 3 was withheld. Brian moved to approve the pay applications and change orders as amended, second by Darle, and passed. The total for pay applications is \$139,846.93, and change orders totaled \$17,110.78. Minnick Construction has been terminated, upon the completion of phase I, as the bond company won't bond them beyond phase I. A new company will be hired to complete their portion of phases II and III of the project. The county wasn't told Minnick was bonded for performance only, not payment, and what's held in retainage will just cover the outstanding claims from subcontractors. Terry presented a list of unplanned for expenses, including \$112,000. for a sprinkler system not included in the original plans, but required by law if there will be more than 50 people on the 3rd floor at any time. He estimates the county will need an additional \$186,736.40 to complete the job. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Haupert

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor