

April 23, 2001

Wabash County Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 4/16 meeting were approved as written, moved by Darle Dawes, second by Brian Haupert, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the Clerk and Treasurer reports for March, the Weights and Measures monthly report and the Jail/Memorial Hall custodian hours. Commissioners signed a proposal presented by Lawrence Construction Company for installation of a drain in conjunction with the Handy Andy project in LaFontaine. Wabash Co. and LaFontaine will split \$11,300. (\$5,650. each) from their respective CEDIT funds, toward the \$26,650. project. Handy Andy owners will pay the remaining \$15,350. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, will work with Town of LaFontaine attorney, Alfred Plummer, to affect a written agreement concerning LaFontaine's responsibility to maintain the drain being installed. Right-of-way lines for both the county and LaFontaine, need to be delineated. Tom also reminds Commissioners they must realign their districts prior to year's end, due to the 2000 census. Brian has talked with Kurt Owens with South Central EMS of Silver Lake. They are now interested in providing service for the northern part of Wabash County. They are a basic EMT service, working toward advanced life support, but not allowed to administer drugs as is Life-Med, which has paramedics. Life-Med has undergone some changes, and is interested in continuing service to the area under a new contract. Brian hopes this is settled by early May. Commissioners reappointed Paul Bergman, Emergency Management director, for a three year term thru July 31, 2004. Les talked with Steve Downs regarding the Glen Barrus lawsuit against the county, and Steve says Mr. Barrus' attorney has requested approval to dismiss the case, with prejudice. Brian moved approval to allow Downs to proceed with dismissal, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners also signed a letter agreeing to a two year audit by the State Board of Accounts, as we receive less than \$300,000. in federal funds, and have no secure space in the courthouse to accomodate the auditors for an extended time.

Judicial building project: After review, Brian moved to approve an amendment to Pay Application # 11 on the judicial building project, second by Darle, and passed. Eclipse Masonry will receive an additional \$370. and R & M Construction will be paid an additional \$7,246.77, both for work completed by this months' claim deadline, but not on the original claim. Pyramid, the project manager, will send change directives to use Minnick Construction retainage funds to pay Eclipse Masonry and Kellam Contracting for completing phase one of the Minnick contract. County Clerk, Jo Ann Hettmansperger, asked Commissioners to reconsider funding the service elevator for the judicial building, to be used primarily by her staff. The income to her incentive fund is much lower than in the past, and once it's spent, it will take a long time to rebuild. These funds have been used for voting machines in the past, among other items, and won't be available for a long time in the future. Jo Ann suggested each judge might be asked to contribute 1/3 of the cost, since it will benefit their staff, too. Brian says if the county pays for the dumbwaiter, some other required item will have to be eliminated. Les says Commissioners are reluctant to pay for the \$35,000. dumbwaiter, as there may not be sufficient funds to complete the project

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept: The department has the milled road material, but haven't applied it yet because of equipment problems. Larry says Chester bridge # 7 on CR 50 E needs repair work and that may resolve access problems caused by the headers. Les signed a "letter of intent" notifying the state Wabash Co. intends to pursue a 2002 grant to install Stop signs at 27 rural railroad crossings in the county. Commissioners told Larry to clear the side ditch adjacent to the Larry Manning property, and pile the topsoil to make a buffer zone to deter future run-off. Future clean-up will be the owner's responsibility. Larry says two requests from SPRINT to replace deteriorating cable look okay, so Commissioners signed approval. (1) CR 500 N from CR 500 E, west for 3300 feet and (2) CR 400 N starting at CR 400 E, then west for 2000 feet. He will send a third request along CR 800 W to Miami County. Brian mentioned the diagonal pipe at CR 800 N and CR 200 E looks bad, and Larry says it's a box and a regulated drain. The tile on the north side has been fixed several times because the berm runs off. There's a tile under the box and it's allowed scour under the box. Fixing it has been discussed, but a decision wasn't made. Larry says the railroad is going to replace crossings (road entrance) throughout the county, they're working in Kosciusko County now. Larry says they added gravel on a bus turn-around at the Stan Vrem home on CR 300 E, as requested by the metropolitan school district. The new vehicle for the supervisor has been delivered. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Lester D. Templin, Chairman

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor