

April 30, 2001

Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order with the Auditor and County Attorney absent. Minutes of the 8/23 meeting were approved as written, moved by Darle Dawes, second by Brian Hauptert, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register, signed the annual Congressional School Report and read a letter from attorney Don Metz, stating the lawsuit filed against the county by Glen Barrus has been dismissed, and our insurance has negotiated a settlement. They will investigate a notice from the City of Wabash indicating the Probation building may have downspouts draining into the sewer system. They reviewed and tabled, a decision on the Kellam Construction quote to re-place the courthouse north steps, since other quotes are expected. Rick Hahn, representing Kellam, offered a 4% decrease if they were given the job, since they will be mobilized to do the south steps next week. Les will ask Jim Hamilton, of Butler, Fairman & Seufert, to resurvey and stake out the Dan and Deborah Rapp property along Old Rd. 15 S. Brian moved to approve an agreement for 2002, between the county and WEDCOR, for director Bill Bradley's pay of \$45,000. (the same as 2001), second by Darle, and passed. They also reviewed the 2000 WEDCOR activity report presented by Bill. Learned from Pyramid representatives that changes to meet code specifications in the judicial building project will extend the move-in date to September 29th. They warned these changes will likely cost \$18,000. to \$30,000. for additional architect and engineer fees.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry reports the resurfacing of CR 700 W near Lukens Lake is completed, and some area residents have thanked him for the improvement. The culvert at CR 700 W, north of CR 1000 S, is completed, as part of the Handy Andy project in LaFontaine. Learned the railroad has started crossing work at CR 400 N, and will progress north. Larry received a \$ 1000. check from General Motors toward the purchase of a new vehicle, void after 15 months. This is for settlement of a class action suit due to fuel tank problems. Larry reported several drainage issues. (1) A drop on a regulated drain, which is eroded, at CR 500 W and 800 S, (2) Water is standing where a box culvert needs replaced south of the Noble Fire station on CR 150 W, (3) On the Frances Slocum Trail, east of St. Rd. 13 S, a tile draining north isn't working and will ultimately affect the roadway. Larry also checked the reportedly blocked drain at the Lester Frierhood residence on St. Rd. 16, and found it in good working order.

Summit Mobile Home Park: Attorney Don Metz and Don Hartley, representing Summit Communities, need access to the proposed development from CR 100 N, and asked for the road to be improved after construction is complete, and then maintained by the county. Darle moved to place the road on the 2002 chip and seal schedule, second by Brian, and passed. Commissioners will meet with Mayor Arvin Copeland, to discuss a resolution for sewer seepage from Northcliff Addition, under St. Rd. 13, and onto the proposed development area. A retainage pond at the new site will collect the drainage, but eventually, it will end up in Charley Creek.

Spring Valley Landfill: Attorney, Don Metz; Dave Welling, general manager of Wabash Valley Landfill; and Dan Magoun, environmental affairs manager for Republic Services, Inc., parent company of Wabash Valley Landfill, asked Commissioners to contact state legislators, in an effort to persuade IDEM to move forward with approval for Wabash Valley to acquire Spring Valley and clean it up for future use. Metz has been unable to reach IDEM representative, Brian Butcher, despite sending an information packet last fall for approval, and leaving several phone messages. They'd like to see the acquisition move forward, as Spring Valley poses an environmental threat at present. Commissioners agreed to help. With no further business, they adjourned.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Hauptert

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor