

May 7, 2001

Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. The April 30th minutes weren't completed for approval. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Accounts Payable Voucher Register, reviewed the April Financial report, and the Jail/Memorial Hall custodian hours. Brian Hauptert says about \$150,000. is needed this year for ambulance services north of St. Rd. 16, and the county only has \$77,500. budgeted for 2001. He suggests Commissioners meet with the North Manchester Town Board at their June 6th public meeting to discuss options. Since no other quotes to replace the courthouse north steps have been received, and Rick Hahn of Kellam Contracting, offered a 4% cost reduction on the south steps work, in addition to last week's 4% reduction on the north steps, Brian moved to tentatively accept the Kellam quote of \$36,877. to replace the north steps, and alternate bid # 1 of \$6,047. to replace the sidewalk west to the parking lot, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. They will ask Mr. Hahn to meet with them next week to iron out details. Brian moved to hire the law firm of Barnes and Thornburg, Indianapolis, to represent the county regarding potential litigation in the judicial building project, second by Darle, and passed. They approved, with the deletion of a section citing the Indiana Code stance on an architect being the project manager on one of their projects, a letter to Prince/Alexander, via the attorney. Bill Bradley with WEDCOR, introduced Vicki Byrd, president of Workforce Development Strategy, and, like Bill, a member of the 57 member regional Workforce Investment Board. The board has set up Economic Development Districts (EDD) with a goal of attracting new business or expanding existing business for the workforce. As a member of the EDD, the county could expect consolidated employment services, opportunities for federal funds, a decrease the amount of CEDIT monies used for projects and the county's match (share) on a business development wouldn't exceed 40%. Initially, the office, located at Grissom would be funded by federal grants and a state match. Down the road, the county may be asked to contribute \$5,000. to \$6,000. annually toward the project. Brian moved to adopt Resolution 2001-1, approving the North Central Indiana 2000 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, and making the county a member of the North Central Regional Economic Development Council, second by Darle, and passed. Brian moved to decline a request that the county extend their monthly interest payments for a "spec" building in the Wabash North Industrial park thru December 2001, second by Darle, and passed. The county's commitment for interest ends in June 2001, and Commissioners asked their attorney, Tom Mattern, to draft a letter to R & B Properties LLP, indicating we won't extend. Les reported they're working on the building for 911 equipment on the water tower in LaFontaine.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept: Larry says 1.3 miles of the Durnbaugh Road project has the base. Crews started mowing last Monday. Larry had Hank's Excavating clear brush from the concrete bridge in Roann, the most he's seen around that bridge to date. They have worked near the Market Street bridge in North Manchester, clearing debris off the Rager property, but the job isn't done. Darle says Herb Underwood would like to be considered for engineer work on the bridge on CR 150 E, 3/4 mile north of St. Rd. 16. The Handy Andy drain project in LaFontaine, is completed. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Hauptert

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor