

May 21, 2001

Wabash County Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order with all members present. Minutes of the 5/14 meeting were approved as written, moved by Brian Hauptert, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the Memorial Hall/Jail custodian hours, the Clerk and Treasurer's Reports for April, the Weights & Measures Monthly Report and the Benicomp April medical insurance report. They reviewed a Census 2000 report on official population and housing counts. After discussion, Brian moved to approve an amendment to pay application #12 on the judicial building project, second by Darle, and passed. Approved by Pyramid, it adds a \$23,924. claim for ADM Interiors of Ft. Wayne. Brian also moved to approve two Change Directives, already approved by Pyramid, for Minnick Construction retainage funds, second by Darle, and passed. (1) to Eclipse Masonry for completing phase I of the Minnick contract in the amount of \$7,711.18, and (2) to Kellam Contracting for site cleaning for Minnick Masonry in the amount of \$7,641.10. Tanya with Pyramid whittled the original claim submitted, but dumping fees at \$3,000. (the biggest expense) were non-negotiable with landfill personnel. Co. Clerk, Jo Ann Hettmansperger, reports the state is going to upgrade the ISETS (child support) program, and the state has agreed to do the necessary wiring a second time at their expense, if needed, since she'll be moving to the new building. They have their own installation vendor, and won't guarantee the work if we choose a different vendor. Commissioners agreed for Jo Ann to return the installation agreement. Custodian Ron Harris, reports there was water in the boiler room during heavy rain last week. With new platforms for mechanical equipment, the water can't get to the sump pump. Commissioners suggest channels be carved in the platforms in both mechanical rooms for drainage. Paul Bergman, Emergency Management director, told Commissioners the county would be responsible for all safety measures (except potential clean-up ) when a train load of spent uranium 238 travels thru the county, at an undetermined time next month. Paul doesn't anticipate the hazardous materials transfer will present any problems. Duane Truss representing Veterans, reports there will be a ceremony 5/26 at 1:00 P.M., to plant an Eisenhower Memorial green ash tree, in honor of World War II veterans, and invited Commissioners to attend. He also said they plan to slide the canon 10' closer to the Memorial Hall building, rather than move it to the corner of Miami and Hill Streets, since they fear the base might crumble in the move. Beth Stein, representing the museum board, requested the balance of funds in the county museum budget ( about \$12,000.) be redirected to them. Commissioners will present a transfer request to the Co. Council at their 7/16/01 meeting, and Beth will have a detailed account of its intended use, for the Council. The museum board also hopes the county will continue to designate money for the new museum in their annual budgets. The funds would be used for wages and maintenance rather than outreach and education.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry says a SPRINT request to bury cable, to upgrade existing equipment, along CR 600 E, 200 ft. south of St. Rd. 218, for about 700 ft., looks okay, and Commissioners signed. Larry says there's a problem with Chester Twp. bridge # 83 on Cr 800 N, 600 ft. west of CR 650 E. The creek needs dredged, as water stands in it constantly. Material on the inverts is sifting out, it looks like two are affected. The deck looks okay and Larry is checking to see if repairs can be done without replacing the deck. He estimates total replacement at \$60,000. Darle checked a water problem on the corner of CR 700 W and CR 550 N. Last week, with all the rains, the road was underwater, and may need a new culvert. Larry will look at it, and says the cross culvert on CR 550 N has a damper that prohibits water from flowing south, while allowing it to flow north. 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. Hauptert

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor