

June 11, 2001

Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order with Brian Hauptert on vacation. Minutes of the 6/4 meeting were approved with a correction, moved by Darle Dawes, second by Les, and passed. The minutes should state the county will install a 12 inch drain on CR 700 W at CR 550 N, rather than the property owner, and that the owner has agreed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. They reviewed, and Darle moved to accept, an agreement with Tony Stout for auctioneering services at the 6/22 surplus sale, second by Les, and passed. Terms are 15% of the proceeds plus advertising costs. After learning Pitney Bowes can't match the Ascom Hasler price for a new scale for the postage meter, Darle moved to purchase a scale from Ascom Hasler for \$895., second by Les, and passed. Due to postage rate changes effective 7/1/01, the company won't maintain and update the old scale. Commissioner Attorney, Tom Mattern, will advise our insurance carrier of the Canfield vs Wabash Co. Sheriff et al Tort notice for alleged false arrest and injury while incarcerated. Commissioners learned from Nancy Hoffman, director of the Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC), that she is requesting a subsidy of \$55,500. from the county for 2002, up \$2000. from 2001. She thanked Commissioners for prior county support, and reports state funding is down 26% from 10 years ago. Nancy reports ARC continues to maintain the highest possible level of accreditation, and praise for their First Steps program for infants thru preschool. In 2000, they billed \$199,300. in subcontract work done by their adult participants. Board members Dick Rider and Donna Wilhelm praised ARC's efforts to provide service to special needs individuals and their families. Commissioners took the request under advisement. County Assessor, Kelly Schenkel, reports Accurate Assessments, contracted to do the reassessment, are asking for an additional \$108,000. to complete the job, originally contracted at \$429,000.00. Since changes in the law has extended the reassessment deadline, the company needs the additional funds for another years' work. Commissioners asked Kelly to check the status of surrounding counties, and ask company representatives to meet with them.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry has received, and will process, the grant application for funds to place Stop signs at all rural railroad crossings in the county. His crews will be in Somerset tomorrow, to work on streets, weather permitting.

Tim Roberts, Sheriff: Tim asked Commissioners to include funds in their 2002 budget for much needed repairs at the jail, estimated at \$60,729. in 2000 by Atlas Building Services. The needs are still there, although costs have likely increased. Tim would also like to use E-911 funds to update fire department radios to repeaters, estimated at \$8,748.00, and add a voter system that chooses the correct channel for dispatches, at \$5,192.00. Both quotes are from J & K Communications, and the work could be done at the same time they're relocating the 911 equipment from the WKUZ Radio tower to the LaFontaine water tower, to cut labor costs. Although there isn't an estimate from J & K for the equipment relocation, that has the highest priority with the Commissioners. They would like the fire departments to pay the \$18. to \$22. per radio unit update, rather than using 911 funds, which have an unobligated balance of \$74,151.81. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Hauptert

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor