

December 7, 1998

Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order in the courthouse with all members present. Minutes of the 11/16 meeting were approved as written, moved by Brian, second by Les, and passed. Minutes of the 11/23 meeting were approved as written, moved by Darle, second by Brian, and passed. Minutes of the 11/30 meeting were approved as written, moved by Darle, second by Les, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Accounts Payable Voucher Register, and agreed that for now, the health insurance contract will stay on an April thru March schedule. Based on recommendations from Co. Health Officer, Dr. William Dannacher, Brian motioned to appoint Robert Taylor, Wabash City Schools Superintendent, to the Board of Health for a three year term thru 2001, and to re-appoint Linda Mattern and Dr. Jeffrey Pyle to the board thru 2001, also. Darle second the motion, and it passed. Mr. Taylor replaces Dr. Pamela Higgins, whose term expires in 1998.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Gaunt and Son has completed their work on the Ray Waller property at the Miami Street bridge. To alleviate water run-off across his property, a concrete waterway from Miami Street to Charlie Creek was constructed. Brian moved to install guardrails on Elliott Road bridge # 182, second by Darle, and passed. Work will be done by county crews. Larry is to get additional quotes for a new distributor for the 12/21 meeting, and he noted 3 single axle trucks and a tractor/mower will need replaced in the next couple of years. There was unresolved discussion about whether Adams St. extended in Roann is a county or private road.

Tom Mattern, Commissioner Attorney, said he will have a 1999 contract with Life-Med ready for signatures at the Dec. 14th meeting.

Memorial Hall roofing project: Mary Ellen Rudisel of Searce, Rudisel & Associates, and the Commissioners chose asphalt shingles (color name: slate) for the job. That color will coordinate best with the copper and slate on the building. Mid-State Construction began working today. Mary Ellen indicates shingles should not be installed if temperatures are below 30 degrees, and assumes the contractor is responsible enough to know that. In another matter, she and Commissioners discussed the need for an inventory of the museum's collection. There is not one currently, and she suggested high school or college students or scouts might help with the project. The results of the inventory should be documented, and updated as needed. A computer would be the best storage medium, and make it easy to locate items.

Deb Schneider of the Wabash County Council on Ageing and Nancy Hoffman of ARC had the Transportation Grants awarded to the county for 1999. Wabash Co. is the grantee of the Operating Assistance Grant and the Capital Assistance Grant, and the Council on Ageing is the subcontractor. Chairman Templin signed the grants on behalf of the county.

Urbana alley vacation decision: Attorney, Stephen Downs, represents Jeff and Nancy Whitmer, who request the east/west and the north/south alleys (platted but undeveloped) be vacated and added to their property. Whitmer's' own lot 16 and part of lot 15 in the Original Plat of Urbana along with acreage to the west of the lots. Joe Tysinger owns acreage north of the east/west alley, and Lois Murphy owns part of lot 15 in the Original Plat of Urbana. Mrs. Murphy had no objections to the alley vacation, and Mr. Tysinger was agreeable as long as he has a 60 foot easement permitting access for maintenance and repairs to an existing building near the east/west alley. Tysinger did question the need to vacate, fearing it was taking something away from the community that might later be regretted. No one else appeared to support or protest. The county wants permanent easements for both alleys for potential future utility needs. The Whitmer's agreed to easements for the county and Tysinger. Both Les and Brian agreed to the vacation as long as the county and Tysinger had perpetual easements, and the parties involved seemed content with terms of the vacation. Darle is opposed to the vacation, and did not sign the Vacation Ordinance 98-7, which is signed by Lester and Brian. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman Darle Dawes Brian Haupert

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor