

July 20, 1998

Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order in the courthouse, with all members attending. Minutes of the 7/13 meeting were approved as written, motioned by Brian, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners reviewed an estimate of \$245. from Wabash Engraving Inc. to letter new signs on the Superior Court doors. This includes the courtroom, judge's offices and traffic and small claims office. County Court lettering will be removed and replaced, with Superior Court lettering in black and gold. Darle moved to accept the estimate, second by Brian, and passed. Reviewed the Treasurer's Monthly report and the Jail/Memorial Hall custodian hours. Noted a letter of thanks to the Sheriff's department from the Soil & Water Conservation District for dispatching officers to help restore the wetland on the Phil Carr property. Passed a Megan Gable TORT notice received last week to Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern. Noted that appointed department heads should submit budget requests to Commissioners for review before the County Council acts on budgets. Commissioners will talk with Allen Miracle representing BENICOMP, our health insurance carrier, before signing the policy inclusions and exclusions regarding prescription contraceptives. Referred a letter from Ratio Architects to Museum Curator, Jack Miller. Ratio is working on the new Indiana Museum, and wants each county represented by something that reflects their heritage. Commissioners signed acceptance of the IN Victims Assistance Network (IVAN) grant, in the amount of \$16,913.75 (\$13,613.75 federal & \$3,300. local). The grant covers one year, July 1, 1998 thru June 30, 1999.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway: Checked the visibility problem at the intersection of CR 900 S and CR 600 E, reported by Ruth Copper. Plan Commissioner, Chad Dilling, will send the property owner (Jerry Grossman) a letter, asking him to trim back his corn. Larry sent a letter to the owner of a wood fence located about 1' off the roadway on CR 700 W south of St. Rd. 114, asking them to move it. Larry said the Red Cross provided sandwiches and drinks for the volunteer fireman and highway crew working last night after the storm. Upon Larry's recommendation, Commissioners approved a GTE road cut request


to bury bigger cable 750' south along CR 250 W and CR 1150 N. Larry will ask Herb Underwood, the project engineer, to look at the Ray Waller property south of the Miami Street bridge. Larry and John Stephens thought rip rap and concrete chunks would help the creek bank, but not prevent the street water from running across his yard. Larry asked about attending the McAllister (caterpillar engines) meeting on 7/23/98. Darle felt he should use personal or vacation time if he attends, and after discussion, Les and Brian agreed for this particular meeting.

Cindy Barrus requested to see a county employee mileage log book, and Les told her there is no log book. She then questioned county vehicle use policy, and was told they were to be used to and from work, and while working. Errands enroute to and from work are acceptable, and the vehicles should not leave the county for non work related trips. Cindy and Darle feel that an employee's response to her questioning was out of line, and Les and Brian felt the response was not unreasonable.

Chad Dilling: Noted the post office has requested Jean Gilbert to move her mailbox off St. Rd. 124, or they won't deliver her mail. Chad says this could affect several people who live on the corner of a state road. Chad agreed to attend a seminar in Kokomo on 7/22 that deals with the Census 2000 issue.

Riverwood Estates: Attorney Richard Fisher reports the road has been completed as per specifications and he will draw up the dedication papers that the Commissioners sign accepting the road for the county to maintain. Larry Rice has received a compliance notification letter from Mike Hileman of Gaunt & Son. Fisher needs to check with Chad Dilling before naming the road. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

  
Lester Templin, Chairman

  
Darle Dawes

  
Brian Haupt

ATTEST:   
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor