

July 13, 1998

Chairman, Les Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all members present. Minutes of the 7/6 meeting were approved as written, motioned by Darle, second by Brian, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the Wabash Valley Landfill Erosion and Sedimentation report dated 6/19/98, and completed by the Soil & Water Conservation District. Noted a request from Valerie Monce for the county to look into a medical service locally like Redi-Med. She indicated when the county health nurse is on vacation it's hard to get help. The Emergency Room is too expensive, and you can't get in to see a doctor on short notice. Commissioners said a business would locate here if they saw a need, and decided they would not contract for a replacement when the county health nurse is vacationing. Commissioners won't take any action on a request from Joseph Harris to support local phone service between Lagro and the City of Wabash. In response to a question about pets in public buildings, Commissioners suggested a notice at entrances indicating no pets except for trained assistance animals. Discussed damp floors in the restroom being a potential hazard, but felt fans or a dehumidifier wouldn't remove water quickly enough, and floor mats or caution signs could present new problems. They'll take no action at this time. A courthouse employee fell recently, precipitating the discussion. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim and Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. Les is concerned about the discrepancy in full time status between our health insurance carrier and our employee manual. BENICOMP indicates 30 hours per week is their full time criteria. The Auditor will ask Allen Miracle to look into the matter.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway: Larry and John Stephens will look at a water run-off problem on the Ray Waller property on the southwest side of the Miami St. bridge over Charlie Creek. Regarding water problems on CR 950 S at CR 50 E (Morris Milliner), Larry says there's an open drain (at least 18") that runs toward the reservoir. On CR 400 N and CR 600 E water has opened up a hole when debris clogs the catch basin at the start of a certified ditch. There are two open ditches, 18" and 24", but no place for the water to go. Larry will look at a water problem on the Lawrence Guenin property. He says the 18" drain put in several years ago wasn't adequate when it was installed. Larry recommended Commissioners approve a road cut request for new tile by Norm Gable on CR 1450 N 1/8 mile west of St. Rd. 13. Commissioners signed approval.

Cindy Barrus had some personnel concerns, and demanded permission to review a mileage log. Darle questioned what records are public, Brian and Lester showed support for and confidence in their employees and are tired of the harassment. Darle feels some employees are unfairly treated and discriminated against. Cindy also asked the county to include eye and dental coverage for employees. Les said adding it would affect all employees rates, and it's available thru AFLAC at the employees expense.

Tim Roberts, Sheriff: 67 in jail today. He had an estimate of \$20,654. from a licensed Indianapolis firm (Kennedy) for removal of underground fuel tanks at the jail and highway department. Removal of contaminated soil, if needed, and hiring a local firm for excavation work would be extra. Three tanks would be replaced with new steel tanks, and one would be upgraded. Larry had a rough estimate from Hank Eilts of \$13,000., then there would be additional charges for removal of the tanks by a licensed firm. Following discussion, Brian motioned to request an additional appropriation of \$20,000. for removal of the underground fuel tanks, second by Darle, and passed. Compliance date for fuel tanks is Jan. 1999. Sheriff Roberts said the jail roof leaked during the last hard rain, but some roof drains were plugged and open vents caused a whirlpool effect. The drains have been cleared, so he hopes that will solve the problem, but he'll monitor the situation to make sure the newly repaired roof is not leaking.

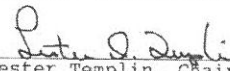
Bob Watson, Emergency Management: Reports deputy director, Marge Watson, has resigned due to health problems. Paul Bergman has replaced her as interim deputy director. The Advisory Council will meet 7/16 to appoint a new director to replace Bob, with final approval of the appointment from the Commissioners.

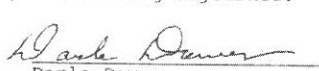
Scott Siders of Lagro, reports Fleck Trenching has razed the hazardous building in Lagro on the Ralph Lawson property. He asked if Commissioners have the survey completed. The Auditor will ask John Stephens to do a survey. Commissioners agreed to pay the \$1,000. demolition bill, and expect a return of \$500. from Lagro when they get title.

Trula Frank, Convention and Visitors Bureau: She's requesting Resolution 93-1, which imposes a 3% innkeepers tax, be amended and increased to 5%, the maximum allowed by the Resolution and the state. Commissioners set August 10th at 10:00 a.m. for a public hearing on the amendment.

Bill Bradley, WEDCOR: The first interest payment on the industrial park "spec" building was sent to the City of Wabash. It's for the month of June 1998, and isn't split between the city and county. Bill will check into getting separate claims, and get back with the Commissioners. Both city and county committed to \$50,000. a year for a maximum of three years towards interest payments, in support of the project.

Bob Luce, Butler, Fairman and Seufert: There are additional fees due on two completed bridge projects, following completion of the audit. An 8/96 invoice of \$9,617.23 on Bridge # 506 (Huntington St.) and a 4/97 invoice of \$3,496.57 for bridge # 41 over Grant Creek in LaFontaine. Both accounts have been closed, so Brian motioned to request additional funds in the amount of \$13,113.80 to cover both debts, second by Darle, and passed. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.


Lester Templin, Chairman


Darle Dawes


Brian Hauptert.

ATTEST: 
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor