

July 6, 1998

Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the courthouse with all members present. Minutes of the 6/29 meeting were approved as written, moved by Brian, second by Darle, and passed. Heard from the Auditor the gross income from the surplus auction was \$1,516.50. Reviewed the BENICOMP monthly report, the monthly financial report, the Jail/Memorial Hall custodian hours and the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Reviewed the Tourism budget submitted for 1999, discussed the courthouse custodian request to be paid an additional \$4,000. for his services as Probation custodian, and decided to continue with one salary which includes the care of both buildings. Brian motioned to approve the CEDIT budget request for 1999, second by Darle and passed. Darle motioned to approve the Hospital Bond budget request, second by Brian, and passed. Commissioners signed a one year agreement, effective Jan. 1, 1999 thru Dec. 31, 1999, between Wabash Co. and the State Board of Animal Health. The county provides \$1,000. a year for Bovine Brucellosis and Tuberculosis Eradication programs. Noted a thank-you from Manchester Recycling for driveway repairs done by the highway department, and a re-commitment to high quality service for Wabash Co. residents.

Liberty Twp. bridge # 32: Engineer, Herb Underwood, reports construction could start Aug. 1st, with bridge delivery on August 10th. Herb will forward completed plans to John Camden Construction for Camden's final cost estimates. Commissioners signed the cover sheet of the plans.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway dept.: Based on data Larry sent to the Highway Extension and Research Project for IN Counties and Cities (HERPICC), they recommend a 35 mph speed limit through the curve on the recently completed Odgen Road project. Brian motioned to approve the HERPICC recommendation, second by Darle, and passed. Larry will install the signs, and give Commissioner Attorney, Tom Mattern, the length of area included so he may complete the ordinance. Larry recommended approval of a SPRINT request to bury cable along CR 200 E from CR 700 S for 1800 feet to serve a new residence. They will bore under CR 700 S. Commissioners signed the request. Larry noted several water problems with Friday nights' heavy rains. He thinks more roads are closed now than in 1996. Rain amounts varied from 2 inches in the northern part of the county to 5 inches in the southern parts. Some people on Bailey Rd. near the airport, were evacuated because of high water, one area in the county had 1½ feet of mud over the road, and some berm was washed out. So far culverts seem to be okay. Darle heard from Lawrence Phillips, who lives near the airport. Larry says the area is flat and water run-off is a problem. Darle also heard from Morris Milliner about water on CR 950 S. Jeff Etheridge told Les that visibility of oncoming traffic on CR 950 S, has become limited from his driveway, since the surface was raised. Etheridge could carry a petition among his neighbors, asking the road be shaved to lower the surface, or raise his driveway. Larry says the highway roof work is complete, but he's waiting to pay the bill until he finds why water is still getting into the sign room. He thinks it may be flashing unrelated to the roof work that needs repaired. His department has completed 5½ miles of chip and seal to date.

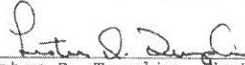
Public Purchasing Policy, Ordinance # 98-4: Tom Mattern had the completed form ready for Commissioner signatures. They reviewed and signed the new policy, making it effective retroactive to July 1, 1998.

Wilma Knee, Co. Assessor: Presented a contract for land re-valuation by Accurate Assessments Inc. of Ft. Wayne. Funding for the estimated \$35,620. project, will come from the Cumulative Reappraisal account. Wilma had estimates from two companies, but feels this one offers a better service. Under the new law (HB 1783), Township Trustees are to do the land reappraisals, but they don't feel qualified at this time. Commissioners took the matter under advisement, and will have their attorney review the contract.


Sandi Beeks, E-911 Coordinator: Had a one year lease agreement with GTE for E-911 network services, at a monthly cost of \$3,910.65. Darle moved approval of the agreement, second by Brian, and passed. Chairman Templin signed the lease agreement.

Tina Edwards, Probation: Requested and received approval to close the Probation office between 11:00 and 1:00 on Thurs. July 9, 1998, for an employee farewell luncheon.

Woodcrest Plat: 14.88 acres in Lagro Twp. in Sect. 20, Twp. 28, Range 8, owned by Karol and Gloria Cossairt of Markle, IN. It will be sold in approximately 3.6 acre plots. Commissioners signed approval of the plat. With no further business, they adjourned.


Lester D. Templin, Chairman


Darle Dawes


Brian Hauptert

ATTEST: 
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor