

June 15, 1998

Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order in the Commissioner's Room at 9:00 a.m. with all members present. Minutes of the 6/8 meeting were approved as written, motioned by Brian, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim and Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. Noted a letter from the City of Wabash advising a City Council meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on June 22, 1998 at City Hall regarding annexation of property including the County Farm ground into the city.

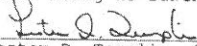
Bob Watson, Emergency Management: With regret Bob tendered his resignation as director, effective July 20, 1998, due to ill health. He has been the director for more than 10 years. He offered to help train his replacement and stay on if necessary, to ease the transition. He recommended three possible successors from within the department, Paul Bergman, Jeffrey Steele or Fred Stellar, and feels all would be well qualified. Brian Hauptert noted the Emergency Management advisory board had commended Bob for his dedication and thanked him for his nearly 40 years of service to the county. Brian noted the board plans to advertise for a replacement. Darle and Lester also thanked Bob for his service to the people of Wabash County, and wished him well.

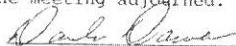
Larry Rice, County Highway: Noted the 4-H Fair board is concerned June 26th Co. Surplus Auction will interfere with the Nat'l Tractor Pull that evening in the arena. The Auditor contacted Mark Metzger, the auctioneer, and he is able to reschedule to Thurs. June 25, 1998 at 4:00 p.m., so Commissioners agreed to change the auction to the 25th. Larry reports Manchester Recycling, in the old St. Highway building, has asked him to apply hot mix in front of their garage doors. Larry feels it would be a good trade-off since they take his department's used oil. Commissioners agree. To finalize the Odgen Rd. project, Attorney Mattern, has prepared a deed for the right-of-way from Wallace Ulrey to the county. Tom feels he should receive his compensation for right-of-way and damages at the same time. Following discussion, Brian moved to pay Mr. Ulrey \$2300. as compensation for right-of-way and damages, second by Darle, and passed. Tom and Larry will visit Mr. Ulrey on Tuesday.

Jane Skeans, Co. Health Nurse, and Chad Dilling, Co. Plan Commissioner: Proposed the county set clean-up days throughout unincorporated areas of the county. They suggested the Solid Waste District and Township Trustees might be involved. Commissioners will explore the options further. In a related matter, Jane noted the Health dept. board may place funds in their "99" budget for an attorney to represent the board in non-compliance cases pertaining to health department issues. Chad discussed the request to review and verify maps for the Census 2000 project. Both Chad and the Commissioners feel the final result would not merit the time involved in reviewing the maps, so they decided not to sign the agreement. Chad and the Commissioners discussed the pros and cons of the Township Trustees' request to require building permits for all new buildings, so they are better able to keep up with changes. The current ordinance could be changed, deleting the section exempting agricultural buildings, a new section could be added imposing a penalty for non-compliance, or a permit fee could be established. Commissioners are hesitant to make changes that could snowball into more regulations. They will do further study.

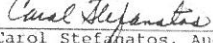
Ann Gillespie, Treasurer: Has an estimate of \$50. from Terry Parrett, to patch the plaster in the corner of her office that emits a foul order. Commissioners approve for Mr. Parrett to proceed. They would like him to look at the Superior Court rest-room wall and the roof flashing that needs repaired in the dome, to see if he is interested in doing the work. Darle asked Ann about the status of the Tony Yocum tax delinquency, as he had a letter from Mr. Yocum seeking support for his cause. Ann says Atlas Collections have turned his account over to the attorney, so a court case is pending, not a good time for intervention.

Linda Fletcher, GTE: Talked with commissioners about upgrading 911 equipment with a year 2000 compliant system that would cover adding cellular phones to the system. Our equipment will be 7 years old in December, and they figure a 5 year life span is good. Les asked for a more complete breakdown of prices, and Linda said she could provide that. Brian moved to take the matter under advisement, second by Darle and passed. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

  
Lester D. Templin, Chairman

  
Darle Dawes

  
Brian Hauptert

ATTEST:   
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor