

June 8, 1998

Commissioners ruled elected officials not included in policy manual ruling on accrued vacation and sick days. Officials are not required to keep those records on themselves.

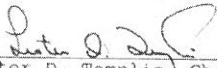
Chairman, Les Templin, called the meeting to order in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse at 9:30 a.m. with all members present. Minutes of the 6/1 meeting were approved as written, motioned by Brian, second by Darle and passed. Commissioners reviewed the monthly report, the Jail/Memorial Hall custodian hours, and the Courts General Ordinance 1-1998 which sets policy for Court Reporters under Administrative rule 15. Noted a refund of \$5,800. from INDOT on Old St. Rd. 15 project. This is reimbursement for all but the county's 20% share of the \$7,250. bill.

Tim Roberts, Sheriff, noted the insurance deductible covering the 911 equipment is \$5,000. so we'll have to pay the full amount of repairs to the south tower damaged by lightning. Tim said the transmitter equipment could be listed separately, at a lower deductible, for a higher premium.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway: Noted the road recycling is completed. He received a check for the damage done to CR 1450 by the manure hauler. Larry recommended approval of requests from GTE and SPRINT. Commissioners approved the SPRINT request to bury cable for a new homesite for about 566 ft. on CR 800 S, west of America Road, and the GTE request to bury cable on CR 400 W about 500 ft. north of CR 900N. Repair on the highway dept. roof has begun on the north side, then the top will be coated, followed by repairs to the south side. One of the trucks was involved in a property damage accident last week, and the insurance company has been informed. In response to a question from Herb Underwood, engineer for the Liberty Twp. Bridge #32 project, Commissioners said all billing for the project should be done by American Timber Bridge & Culvert, Inc.

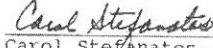
John Hennelly, ARC of Wabash County: Presented an annual report, noting they have accreditation for 3 years. They're doing on the job training with FISH, the Co. Hospital, and the Rescue Mission store. He brought items made at ARC for WalMart, K-Mart, Ford Meter Box, Martin Yale, Honeywell, Belgian Draft Horse, JC's and Atlas. This year they started a program for children up to age 3. There were 43 children in the class. Mr. Hennelly would appreciate an increase from the county of 4% for 1999, up to \$52,000.

Bob Luce, Butler, Fairman & Seufert: Had a letter for Carter Keith at INDOT indicating the Commissioners from both Wabash and Miami Counties support the access road improvement to the Mississinewa Reservoir. In Wabash Co., improvements would be between St. Rd. 13 and Mississinewa Road. Darle motioned to sign the letter, second by Brian, and passed. Mr. Luce says the county needs to contact adjacent owners about right-of-way purchase. The total cost will be borne by the state, including engineering, construction and rightof-way acquisition. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

  
Lester D. Templin, Chairman

  
Darle Dawes

  
Brian Haupt

ATTEST:   
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor