

May 26, 1998

Chairman, Les Templin, called the meeting to order in the courthouse with all members present. Minutes of the 5/18 meeting were approved as written, motioned by Darle, second by Brian, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the BENICOMP monthly report, the Clerk's and Treasurer's monthly reports, and the Memorial Hall/Jail custodian hours. Reviewed and signed the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Approved paying the annual maintenance contract for the Co. Extension office copy machine used by all basement offices. Maintenance, including a new drum, is \$833. thru June 22, 1999. Noted 3 Midwest Poultry renewal applications to the IN Dept. of Environmental Management for land application of pollutant bearing water in Wabash County. Reviewed the report from the 4/28 Wage Scale Determination Hearing for the courthouse roof repair. Rates set, which include fringe benefits are: (1) Skilled, \$18.00 per/hr. (2) Semi-skilled, \$14.00 per/hr. (3) Unskilled, \$9.00 per/hr. Commissioners signed a Client Services Agreement with Tony Pulley to give a seminar for county employees on PERF changes effective 7/1/98. Les also had a completed contract with Honeywell Center for use of a room & projector.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway dept.: Cost for materials to repair CR 1450 following damage by a manure hauler is \$371. (14 ton of stone). Commissioner consensus is that the party that damaged the road should pay the material cost. The 3rd mile of road recycling should be completed today on CR 1400 N. Larry noted a request for a 30mph sign or a slow, children playing sign, in Frances Slocum Estates. Les noted there's only one ingress road, and should be mostly local traffic. Larry says his sign manual specifications would indicate no sign be placed. Commissioners agreed. Larry had a request from the Metropolitan School district for stone on a bus turn around at 1680 King St. in Wabash. It's within the city limits, but in the Metro district. Larry will talk with Bill Hapner at the City Street Dept., if they don't place the stone, Larry will. Commissioners agreed to wait one more week for an estimate from Hank Elits to prepare and place bridge # 51 in Liberty twp. (600E & 975S). Hank's in the hospital. Hank is also to get Larry an estimate to remove the underground fuel tanks at the highway dept., and Larry has a couple other estimates. Removal deadline is Dec. 1998. Round one of mowing, begun in early May is 2/3 complete. Warsaw Roofing should begin work on the roof in 2 to 3 weeks, coating the top first, then replacing the sides.

Tim Roberts, Sheriff: There are 73 in jail this morning. Tim will remind Kennedy Co. he is waiting for an estimate to remove the underground tank(s) at the jail, today. Tim advised there is a new law (HEA 1230) which becomes effective July 1st. It allows counties to charge inmates for incarceration. Attorney, Tom Mattern, recommends additional study of the law, and a conference with both judges, which he will arrange, before proceeding with an ordinance establishing this policy.


Tom Mattern, Commissioner Attorney: Reports attorney, John Johnston, represents the county insurance carrier in the Robert & Scott Carty lawsuit. At present, plaintiff has filed for a change of venue. Tom should have the new bridge weight ordinance for bridge # 32 ready next week.


Tina Edwards, Probation dept.: Noted 7 pieces of computer equipment damaged by lightning last year will be placed in the county surplus auction. The insurance company agrees with selling the items, but wants  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the proceeds on the items. Commissioners agree. Tina also noted her computer company, CSI, has advised her not all computer programs in her system are year 2000 compliant. Les is going to do some research.

Barry Eppley and Joe Updike of the Soil & Water Conservation District brought the signed lease agreement for the county farm tillable acres. Commissioners signed, also. Joe says the waterway and planting are completed, and a group of students has been there for a field trip. They also brought a budget request for continued funding by the county of \$6,000. for 1999. Commissioners will consider the request at budget time.

Pat Lynn and Nancy Christie brought a completed grant application (section 5311) for transportation funds. They're working with other county facilities to coordinate transportation systems. They submitted a grant last year, but received no award. They're trying again this year. Les signed on behalf of the Commissioners. With no further business, the Commissioners adjourned to tour the Memorial Hall.

  
Lester D. Templin, Chairman

  
Darle Dawes

  
Brian Haupt

ATTEST:   
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor