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May 18, 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 5/11 meeting were approved as written, motioned by Darle, second by Brian and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim and Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. After discussing the options, Darle motioned to hire Mark Metzger as auctioneer for the June 26th county surplus sale, second by Brian and passed. Metzger will charge 10% plus the cost of advertising. Heard from the Auditor that the Commissioners need to have a Public Purchasing policy set up by July 1st when the new law becomes effective. Commissioners will inspect the windows and roof in Memorial Hall on Tues. May 26th about 11:00 a.m. Les contacted Jack Miller about the need to get into the attic. Commissioners set June 22nd to work on their budgets for 1999.

Memorial Hall Window Air Conditioner: Current one only works on the low setting which is not sufficient, and they don't want to install it this year. Custodian, Dick Smith, got estimates on 4 units. Darle motioned to purchase from Tomlinson Appliance for \$529., second by Brian and passed. Funds will come from Memorial Hall budget.

Tom Mattern, Commissioner attorney, noted the judge has accepted the motion for summary judgement which releases Wabash Co. as a defendant in the Robert Schaefer suit. The plaintiff may appeal the decision, but that is not anticipated.

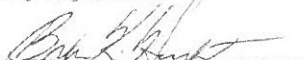
Larry Rice, County Highway dept.: Bill Cline lost the end of a thumb this morning unloading equipment. Larry took him to the hospital. Warsaw Roofing presented an estimate of \$2875. to coat the middle section of the highway roof. This makes a total of \$14,875. for the entire job. Other total estimates for both center and side roofs are (1) Lawmaster, \$ 23,234. (2) Davenport \$33,218. (3) Tyson \$29,000. Darle motioned to accept the Warsaw Roofing estimate of \$14,875. to do the entire job, second by Brian and passed. Commissioners authorized Larry to ask for an additional appropriation of \$15,000. as he has no money budgeted for roofing. Larry says bridge # 32 in Liberty Twp. will be replaced by a 24 ft. span wooden bridge. This increase from a culvert means it also becomes a state bridge and will be designated state bridge # 140, motioned by Brian, second by Darle and passed. Commissioners approved Larry attending the Highway Engineers & Supervisors' School in Columbus on June 4th & 5th, and participating as a pall bearer this Wednesday. Road recycling begins this week and Commissioners approved doing CR 500 E from St. Rd. 114 to CR 1400 N and CR 1400 N from CR 500 E to the county line, a change from the original plan. CR 500 N from Urbana to CR 300 W will also be done. Larry noted Tom Mattern had given him an Indiana Code reference (IC 36-1-11-6) regarding the sale of surplus items to recyclers, rather than thru a public auction.

Animal Shelter representatives, Virginia Reahard and Flo Dahlstrom asked where to turn for legal support. They have no legal services budgeted. Les asked Virginia to talk with the judge, and find if she could file Affidavits' herself. She will do this, and also suggested amending the Animal Control Ordinance by limiting the number of days they're required to house animals before offering for adoption or euthanizing.

Trula Frank, Wabash Co. Convention & Visitors Bureau advised Stephanie Gottschalk has resigned as representative for the motel industry on the Tourism Commission. Upon Trula's recommendation, Darle motioned to appoint Sandy Stengel to complete the term thru 1998, second by Brian and passed. Ms. Stengel is involved in Public Relations at the Holiday Inn Express. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.


Lester D. Templin, Chairman


Darle Dawes


Brian Haupt

ATTEST: 
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor