

April 20, 1998

Chairman, Les Templin called the meeting to order in the Commissioners Room of the Courthouse with all members present. Minutes of the 4/13 meeting were approved as written, motioned by Darle, second by Les and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the notice that all polling places in the county are accessible to voters with disabilities, the Indiana Housing Finance Authority Community Development Block Grant quarterly report, the Payroll Claim and Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. Reviewed the BENICOMP monthly report, the Memorial Hall/ Jail custodian hours, and the Treasurer's monthly report. Approved the Grounds Master quote for one weed and fertiliz treatment of the courthouse square for \$247.00. Heard Tony Pulley of Pulley Financial

Services offer seminars for county employees, to update them on pending changes with PERF, beginning in July. His base set-up fee is \$250. plus \$50. per seminar. Commissioners took his offer under advisement. Commissioners support the application by the Roann-Paw Paw Township Public Library to be listed in the Indiana Register of Historic Sites and Structures. Put the dedicated fax line for Superior Court on hold, as Judge Sposeep is looking into getting on the internet. Reviewed new utility payment options from NIPSCO, and decided to stay with current monthly billing schedule. Noted water is still leaking in around the Memorial Hall east entrance, and they will have to eliminate the problem.

Henry Hatfield, 3380 W 900 N Roann: Had an earlier petition to eliminate water problems, that died due to lack of participation by one property owner (Don Hoover). He says water runs over the road, and requests a drainage tile to get water from his side of the road to the other side more quickly. Darle notes they've put in culverts to keep water off the road in the past, but Co. Attorney Mattern noted the law states water cannot be diverted from one property to another. Commissioners and Larry Rice will look at the area.

Larry Rice, highway Dept.: Odgen Road project is completed, except for survey update by Mr. Stephens. Gene Custer road cut (CR 1000 N) is done, and it took until 9:00 p.m. to complete. Mill St. railroad crossing markings are completed, and Larry notified the state. The Miami St. bridge project is complete with the final surface applied to the street 4/17. Larry is waiting for quotes on the highway roof repair job. He says the top is fine, but the sides, which haven't been worked on since the 70's, are bad. He hopes to have quotes next week, and has no money budgeted for roof repair. Advised Commissioners approve a SPRINT request for a road cut on CR 300 W, 1264' south of CR 950 S to hook up a new home, and one at CR 1000 S and CR 300 W to install a pedestal for Pearson Mill Estates. Larry told SPRINT they should contact both the DNR and INDOT before proceeding, but sees no conflict for the county. Commissioners signed both requests. Commissioners declined to respond to a letter Larry received asking the county to indicate that water running over the roadway could wash away signs of vehicle oil loss. Darle motioned to approve a road cut on CR 1050 N just under 1/2 mile west of St. Rd. 15 (Bill Earle property), to find if the drain is plugged. If the plug is on county property, it's our expense, if on private property, repair is the owner's expense. Second by Brian, the motion passed. Commissioners approved storage of Co. Highway dept. stock shares with Farm Bureau Cooperative Assn. in the Auditor's safe.

Chad Dilling, Plan Commission: Chad will get cost estimates to demolish the Ralph Lawson property in Lagro that has been deemed unsafe. Chad and Larry also noted shrubbery is obstructing the view on the NW corner of Emmet and Washington streets in Urbana. Larry is expecting a complaint from Metro School bus drivers, and Chad has specifications in the Wabash Co. Master Plan Report that addresses this issue. Commissioners asked Chad to notify the property owner they need to trim the bushes.

Tom Mattern, Co. Attorney: Updated Commissioners on the Robert Schaefer suit naming the county as a defendant. The trial is scheduled for the week of June 22nd, unless the presiding judge approves a summary judgement request to release the county as a defendant. Tom also reviewed the Prosecutor's report concerning the ballast removal from the County Farm ground authorized by the Soil & Water Conservation District board. The Prosecutor's conclusion is that there is insufficient evidence and/or no value to the ballast transferred to make it prudent to prosecute the matter, but the county could pursue it as a civil matter. Brian motioned no further action and the matter be closed, second by Darle and passed. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.


Lester D. Templin, Chairman


Darle Dawes


Brian Haupt

ATTEST: 
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor