

April 6, 1998

Chairman, Les Templin, called the Commissioner meeting to order in the courthouse at 9:00 a.m. with all members attending. Minutes of the 3/30 meeting were approved as written, motioned by Brian, second by Darle and passed. Heard from the Auditor that Duane Truss, VFW member, indicates shrubbery around the Veterans Memorial on the Courthouse lawn will be in place by Memorial Day. Reviewed a quote from White's Trucking and Janitor Service to clean windows at the Courthouse, Memorial Hall and Probation buildings for \$4,000.00, and feel that's exorbitant. The Auditor is to contact Advanced Window Cleaning of Fort Wayne and see if their quote from last fall still stands. Approved staying with Montgomery Elevator Service, the elevator installers, for regular maintenance service thru 1998 at an annual cost of \$1,656. Reviewed the Monthly Financial Statement, the Payroll Claim and Allowance Docket, the Payroll Check Register and the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Signed an agreement with BENICOMP to provide employee health coverage thru 3/31/99. The Auditor is to contact Ernie Ball to look for solutions to the fax interference on line #8 on the courthouse phone system.

Larry Rice, Highway dept.: Reports additional funds needed for engineering work on Phases II and III of the Old St. Rd. 15 project will be about \$103,000. The county will be reimbursed for all but 20% of this amount (\$20,700.). Larry will have to ask for additional funding from the County Council. Co. Attorney Mattern prepared temporary right-of-way agreements for the Odgen Road project, and he and Larry got them signed by William Miller and Wallace Ulrey. Mr. Mattern will prepare a permanent right-of-way agreement after the work is completed. Larry noted area property owners would be pleased if the speed limit was reduced to 30 mph. Commissioners will consider amending the traffic ordinance. Larry has contacted Air Markings for an estimate to re-do the railroad and road markings at the Mill St. crossing. The road markings have faded and the RR markings have not been done, and the original contract says county is responsible for markings. Larry has again contacted the RR about the crossing near the Urbana Cemetery and the water problem on Old U.S. 24 E (Lagro Rd.). Reported erecting a sign singling out a problem such as blindness, could in fact, increase our liability. Commissioners discussed lowering the speed limit, but Darle will do some more research. Larry's waiting for estimates from John Camden Construction and Hank's Construction for placement of the structure for bridge # 51 on 600E and 975S.

Bob Luce, Butler, Fairman & Seufert: Had an authorization letter regarding bridge inspections, that needs Commissioner signatures. Darle motioned to give Butler Fairman & Seufert authorization to proceed with bridge inspections, 2nd by Brian and passed. They will inspect for bridge scour. Bob noted design approval letters from INDOT, which the county has received on Phases II and III of Old St. Rd. 15 and the Carroll St. bridge projects, indicate it's okay to proceed with right-of-way acquisition. That is already completed on the Carroll St. bridge, but not Old 15.

Tim Roberts, Sheriff: 75 in jail today. Ask for and received approval from Commissioners to have Warsaw Roofing do some rust preventative painting on the jail roof while they're there with their equipment. Payment will come from commissary funds.

Paul Augsperger, Lighting Design Services: Reported to Commissioners on the energy savings program instituted at the end of "96". Their estimated savings for the county for "97" had been \$9,518. but the actual savings, according to Augsperger, was \$11,087. The small flourescent bulbs are no longer under warranty, and must now be purchased by the county, the large flourescents are still under a 3 year warranty.

Stu Rhodes and Steven Meno of Roney & Co. Investment Services had a proposal offering their services to help the county with project financing. They charge \$110. per hour to a maximum of \$7,500. If they were hired in the future to underwrite a bond issue, they would waive 100% of the advisory fee. Commissioners made no commitment.

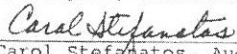
Bill Cloud did not show up for his poor relief appeal hearing set for 1:30. Brian motioned to deny the appeal and uphold Liberty township trustee recommendations to deny, second by Darle and passed.

Construction Wage Meeting for courthouse and Memorial Hall roof work will be 4/28 at 9:30 rather than 9:00 a.m. Brian reported Chris Garber from No. Manchester will be the third member of the committee. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.


Lester D. Templin, Chairman


Darle Dawes


Brian Haupt

ATTEST: 
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor