

March 16, 1998

Chairman, Les Templin, called the meeting to order in the courthouse with all present. Minutes of the 3/9 meeting were approved as written, motioned by Darle, second by Brian and passed. Commissioners agreed to pay for installation of additional phone lines at the Probation office, then monthly expenses will be paid by Probation. Approved claims presented by Kroft Construction for patching the Probation roof (\$65.00) and remodeling the east entrance to Memorial Hall (\$6,210.), motioned by Darle, second by Brian, and passed. They will ask Doug Kroft about unfinished painting on the floor and walls and what the additional expense of \$210. is for at Memorial Hall. The leak at Probation has apparently been repaired. Approved payment of County Attorney claims for postage (\$58.) and telephone (\$123.72) for the first quarter of 1998. Reviewed the hours of Jail/Memorial Hall custodian, and a letter from Urbana resident, C.L. Milburn. Darle will talk with him. A letter from Al & Pauline Wilson, offering a gift to the county of property in Twin Lakes Estates was read, and Commissioners will look at the lot before accepting. Darle motioned to approve a request from Judge Vanderpool to pay for paint for the jury room from courthouse funds. Jail trustees will do the work. Second by Brian, the motion passed. Asked the Auditor to contact BENICOMP, Beauchamp & Mc Spadden and Paul Bergman for health insurance quotes, if they are interested. They will make their decision at the March 30th meeting. Re-appointed Dr. James Duncan to the Wabash County Hospital Board of Trustees thru March of 2002, motioned by Brian, second by Darle and passed.

Mary Ellen Rudisel, Scarce, Rudisel & Associates: She had pictures of the courthouse roof and indicated the skylight needs replaced or she could install lights in the attic to light the lower levels with the same effect. She will get costs for both. Shingle roof is okay, but it needs protection from foot traffic when lights are installed, corner vents need capped so they can dry out inside and the chimney needs repaired. The rubber roof needs replaced and some wood decking under it is damaged from water and needs replaced. Flashing needs replaced and some ornamental work needs reshaped and soldered, as she thinks that's where pigeons are getting inside the tower. She'll also screen the louvres to keep pigeons out. She hasn't been on the Memorial Hall roof yet, but the cost to do the plans for both buildings is \$12,000. Plans would include needed structural changes, cost estimates, her seal on the work, she would oversee the work and have the liability. Brian motioned to award Scarce, Rudisel & Associates the contract for plans at a cost of \$12,000., second by Darle and passed.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway: He's contacted Conrail about the crossing at the Urbana Cemetery, and removed the tree in the alley next to Dorothy Biehl's home in Urbana. John Stephens will stake out the plans for the Odgen Road changes, so Mr. Ulrey can see how it will affect his property. After that, Larry and Mike Hileman will look at the site and talk with Ulrey to answer questions. Hileman will also look at Old

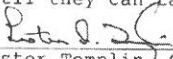
intersection of Cr 1150 N and CR 275 W, the Sheriff's department reports possibly 1 accident there over the last 4 years. Brian motioned to remove the YIELD sign for westbound traffic on CR 1150 N and place a STOP for northbound traffic on CR 275 W, second by Darle and passed. Regarding the required report on bridge scour, it appears the inspections to be done by Butler, Fairman & Seufert will include that, and be completed prior to the Jan. 1999 deadline, according to Bob Luce who spoke with the Auditor. Commissioners approved a request for a road cut $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. west of CR 300 E on CR 1000N for new tile. Gene Custer, the property owner will pay \$800. for the work and supplies. They will look into a request by Jerry Kirtlan for a road cut at CR 200 N and CR 600 W. Larry will attend the Pre-Construction hearing on 3/17 for Phase I of old St. Rd. 15, and he noted there will be a "workman's comp" hearing on Dennis Jackson in April.

Tim Roberts, Sheriff: 79 in jail this morning. He's waiting on underground tank estimates, and the roofers are due to start today. The fundraiser for Karen Quinn and John Blakeley grossed about \$18,000, was a great success, with hard work from many.

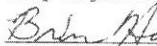
Nan Clemons, Area Five Agency on Ageing & Community Services, Inc. had a quarterly report. Of the homes rehabbed, only one has not sold, and they can't close the grant until it's sold. Commissioners signed the report.

Bridge # 32, CR 900 S & CR 775 E in Liberty Twp.: Brian motioned to award the job to American Timber Bridge and Culvert, Inc. (Bill Solomon) to replace the existing structure, second by Darle & passed.

Resolution 98-3 to Abandon Right-of-Way on old U.S. 24 near Richvalley, prepared by County Attorney, Tom Mattern, was signed by Commissioners. Some right-of-way is retained by the county, but the remainder goes to adjoining land owners, in this case the Ira Wilson estate. Tom noted he had received a letter from Soil & Water Conservation District employee, Lisa Rapp, who is resigning her position effective 3/20/98. She is requesting longevity pay retroactive to her full time employment. The Auditor is to collect data. Tom suggested postponing signing the Partial Release of Judgement for delinquent personal property taxes on the Widmeyer property deeded to the City of Wabash until they can talk to the Treasurer. With no further business, they adjourned.


Lester Templin, Chairman


Darle Dawes


Brian Hauptert

ATTEST: 
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor.