

March 9, 1998

Chairman, Lester Templin called the meeting to order in the courthouse with all members attending. Minutes of the 3/2 meeting were approved as written, motioned by Darle, second by Brian and passed. Reviewed the Marcus Cable rate increases effective 4/1/98, the Monthly Financial Statement, and signed the Payroll Check Register and the Payroll Claim and Allowance Docket. Approved using the Memorial Hall as a voting site. Discussed the request for a new building to house ASCS, SWCD, Extension and possibly others on the County Farm grounds, and decided they cannot meet the 1/99 deadline, so they won't rush making a decision.

Schmidt Associates, Bill Haan: Brian motioned to award the building study master plan to Scearce, Rudisel & Associates and Schmidt Associates, second by Darle and passed. Cost of the study is \$9,000. and Dean Illingworth of Schmidt is the lead contact person. Commissioners signed the agreement which includes a project timetable. Brian motioned to request an additional appropriation of \$9,000. to the Courthouse Professional Services account to cover the study, second by Darle and passed.

County Highway, Larry Rice: He did another site on CR 400 W at CR 500 N, and there's no problem with the property owner continuing with their work. If county needs to repair the culvert, we'd need a pipe under the road and two catch basins. Commissioners told Larry the Drainage Board did not discuss the problems at CR 700 S between America Rd. and CR 390 E, CR 900 S $\frac{1}{2}$ mi. east of CR 100 W and CR 800 N from CR 200 E west $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. Darle looked at the Urbana Cemetery and it is bad after the rain. Larry will contact Conrail about repairing around the tracks before Larry grades the road and adds rock. Larry still hasn't reached Mr. Ulrey concerning the Odgen Road project, his note is still on the door, we may not be ready for the April 6th start date. Larry says it's O.K. to approve a request from SPRINT to bore under CR 700 W and bury cable west for 1150' on CR 250 N along the right-of-way. Commissioners signed the petition. Commissioners approved highway department removal of a tree in an alley adjacent to the Dorothy Biehl property in Urbana. County has no equipment to remove stumps. Brian asked Larry to look at CR 175 E where Old St. Rd. 113 comes out of No. Manchester.

County Attorney, Tom Mattern: Tom has talked with Mr. Brainard who reports the alley in Liberty Mills is accessible even though play equipment encroaches somewhat. Tom recommends not proceeding with a contempt citation at this time, Commissioners agree. Tom wants to confer with John Stephens on the legal description for the Old U.S. 24 property abandoned to the county, that is to be returned to the Ira Wilson estate. He wants to check figures on the partial judgement release on the Widmeyer property deeded to the City of Wabash, before Commissioners sign the release.

BCH, Charles Hillenberg: Says in his area near Bedford, installation of steele bridges would run around \$25,000. The structures are welded with compatible steele by a certified welder or they could be bolted together. His company has had no problems in the 7 years they've been in business, and he knows of one steele bridge over the Ohio River that's at least 90 years old. Ohio Bridge, the beam maker, gives a 1 year full warranty, BCH would provide replacement parts at no charge as long as the support structure has not failed, and he would write a guarantee on the decking. No decision was made.

Sheriff, Tim Roberts: 80 in jail this morning, 14 are from Manchester College alcohol bust. He's contacted Kennedy Tank about the underground tanks, and Larry Rice has contacted the installers. They hope to have two estimates soon. Attorney, Mark Guenin discussed a pending settlement agreement from a marriage dissolution involving law enforcement pension funds. Since policy needs established and processing division of funds would increase expenses, Commissioners hired Mr. Guenin to litigate the case so there is a declaratory judgement to set precedent. Motioned by Darle, second by Brian and passed. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.


Lester Templin, Chairman


Darle Dawes


Brian Haupt

ATTEST: 
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor