

February 23, 1998

Chairman, Les Templin, called the meeting to order in the courthouse with all members present. Minutes of the 2/17 meeting were approved as written, motioned by Brian, second by Darle and passed. Commissioners signed a letter of thanks to the engineer applicants who interviewed 1/20/98. At this time they will not hire an engineer. They reviewed the Commissioner Minutes for 1/3/95 and Council Minutes for 1/17/95 regarding County Farm use by the Soil & Water Conservation District. Reviewed the county buildings appraisal update for insurance completed by Universal Valuation Services and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. Noted receipt of TORT claims from John Barshney & Virginia Nelson. Tom will notify insurance company. Heard from Drew Morgan with Odle, McGuire & Shook. His company would like to be remembered for courthouse restoration. Appointed Wabash Fire Chief, Arvin Copeland as the EMS/Fire representative thru 1998, motion by Brian, second by Darle and passed. Due to interest from other departments, they may rotate from year to year. The E-911 Ordinance or the Indiana Code book don't specify the length of an appointment.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway: Noted receipt of a petition regarding an easement to put in a side ditch on CR 900 N. Had letters regarding engineering for construction for CR 1000S. Reports he was asked for county help in paying for risers at the end of a culvert on Doyle Hauptert property. Commissioners said no. Reports the new Animal Shelter facility needs a hole for the base of their radio tower, and asked if Co. Highway could dig it, Commissioners said yes. Larry has removed the old computer from the shelter.

Herb Underwood talked with Commissioners regarding the 3 proposals for 2 Liberty Twp. bridge replacements. Herb says there could be a problem with certifying the weld on steel bridges.

Tim Roberts, Sheriff: Tim and Sandi Beeks requested purchase of a phone system to simulate the E-911 system. It would be used for public relations and education in schools, churches, ect. They have found some people don't know how to access the system. The \$795. fee would come from E-911 funds. Brian moved approval to purchase, second by Les and carried. Darle was meeting with the Council during this vote. There are 75 in jail today, and Tim will make plans for a trip to Whitley Co. to look at the Sheriff's new communication system.

Old U.S. 24 Right-of-way near Richvalley: John Stephens reported the state relinquished their rights to 4.9 mile Sept. 13, 1979. He will record the document along with minutes reserving right-of-way to repair bridges as needed in the Recorder's office. Darle moved to turn the land back to the Ira Wilson estate, second by Brian and passed. Some right-of-way will be retained by the county for access to bridges.

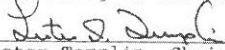
Terry Hudson requests Commissioners do yearly contracts with SWCD and consider stone problem before renewing contract. He doesn't feel they should be subsidized along with income from crop sales. He's also concerned about erosion at the farm site. Brian noted that was addressed in the 1997 report from the SWCD.

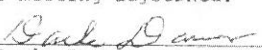
Commissioners reviewed quotes from Judy Driscoll and Parrett Construction Services for \$1,200 and \$1,300 respectively to paint in the Clerk's upstairs office. Darle motioned to approve the work and leave choice decisions to Clerk, Kelly Schenkel, second by Brian and passed. They noted Parrett quote included clean-up.


Liberty Mills alley: Kathy Green advised alley is not cleared. County Attorney, Tom Mattern will prepare a citation to forward to Judge Vanderpool.

Pat Lynn, Local Planning Council presented her completed grant request for up to \$50,000. It's due March 1st. The grant is from the state thru the Division of Family & Children, of the Welfare to Work program. Locally \$10,000. each is targeted for transportation, skill training and employment counseling, workplace mentoring, council team building and demonstration projects from the other goals.

Les reports the offices upstairs are some warmer since heat pipes have been wrapped by Quality Electric in the Assessor's office and the main hallway near the east doors. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

  
Lester Templin, Chairman

  
Darle Daves

  
Brian Hauptert

ATTEST:   
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor