

February 2, 1998

Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order in the courthouse with all present. Brian motioned to approve the 1/26 minutes as written, second by Darle and passed. Commissioners approved Robyn Klare's request to use the courthouse east steps on May 7th to celebrate the "World Day of Prayer" between 12:15 and 12:50 p.m. Commissioners signed an agreement with Universal Valuation Consultants, Inc. of Indianapolis, to do our annual buildings' appraisal update for insurance purposes, at a cost of \$210. Reviewed Memorial Hall/ Jail custodian hours, the Monthly Financial Report and the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Brian motioned to appoint Rosemary Eppley to the Tourism Committee to complete the term of Ginger Murphy, who is relocating to the Indianapolis area, second by Darle and passed. Commissioners took under advisement a request from Carl Favorite to place a drinks/snacks vending machine in the courthouse. It would be coin operated with no service charges. Commissioners will talk with employees about interest. Signed letters to Stanley L. Enyeart, Jr. and Jerry L. Enyeart, giving notice to remove personal property from an alley between lots 96 & 97 in Comstock's Continuation of Liberty Mills. They have 14 days upon receipt of the notice to comply with the court's order that the alley has not been vacated, and is open for public access. Letters will be sent certified mail. Responding to a request from Virginia Reahard at the Animal Shelter for insurance coverage for volunteers, Commissioners don't think the county is responsible for covering volunteers.

Tim Roberts, Sheriff: Reported the Merit Board has voted to place Deputy John Blakely on pension disability, and Tim had questions regarding health insurance coverage continuation. John will be on county payroll thru 2/17/98. Commissioners talked with insurance agent Allen Miracle, and took the matter under advisement. Tim says Ernie Ball contacted him about a phone system he is replacing that is the same system used by the Sheriff's department. Tim could buy the used system and use components from it when problems arose with his equipment.

Tony LaRue of Kendall Motor Co. asked Commissioners to reconsider his company's quotes for 1998 highway supplies which arrived minutes after the deadline. Commissioners are sorry, but they can't start making exceptions to the rules.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway: About 40 tons of stone (\$180. worth) is needed to repair the roadway at the Murphy's and Lutheran cemeteries. Commissioners asked Larry to do it. Darle said Carol Hauptert told him the Urbana cemetery needed stone, too. Larry will look at it. Larry discussed a water problem at CR 400 W & CR 500 N that he checked last year. If the suspected tile on the farm property is the problem, that's not the counties responsibility, and the county will wait for those repairs before doing anything. Larry had several estimates for a new 4x4 pick-up with a plow, and after discussion, Brian motioned to accept the bid of \$23,094.24 from Shepherds Chevrolet for a heavy duty vehicle, second by Darle with the stipulation county emblems be added by the highway department, and passed. Larry indicated a request by Indiana American Water Company to bury water mains on the Farr Pike (CR 100S) approximately 400' west of U.S. 24 is okay. Area annexed into the city ends on the north side of the road, according to a map done by John Stephens. Commissioners signed the request. Larry has talked with involved parties in the petition to pave CR 900 N. from CR 400 W for 1/4 mile. Most of the preparation work needing done is on the side of the road belonging to the property owner who didn't sign the petition. Commissioners will look at the area. As per the request by Commissioners, Larry will have his men remove all shrubbery surrounding the Veterans Memorial on the courthouse lawn. They will cut them off at ground level because of underground electrical wiring and gas lines. Veterans will put in new shrubbery. In an effort to clarify the county policy on jury duty, Commissioners say if there is a reasonable amount of time left in an employees' work shift after being dismissed from jury duty, the employee should report for work.

Tina Edwards, Probation: Received approval from Commissioners for a key for Heather Flack, coordinator of the new Teen Court program.

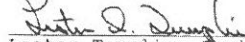
Vince Harrell, County Agent: Introduced Tammy Wilcox as the coordinator of the new Family Nutrition Program. Funded thru Purdue, we are the 36th county to establish this program. Tammy will work out of the Extension office 20 hours a week, and Vince says she will need a phone. Commissioners agreed he should contact Ernie Ball for advice. In another matter Vince heard from Dale Coffing of FSA, indicating the lease on their building will expire the end of 1998, and the building has been sold. There's talk of a new building that could house the Extension office, also. If this project advances, Vince wants to have design input. Fairgrounds or County Farm would be possible sites.


Mary Ellen Rudisel, Scarce and Rudisel: Reminded Commissioners of need for roof work on the courthouse this spring. Brian says the Memorial Hall roof is also leaking. Courthouse needs new decking, rubber roof replaced, new flashing, louvres and the skylight repaired. Brian motioned to retain Mary Ellen to do a needs assessment of the two buildings' roofs. Second by Darle, the motion passed. Mary Ellen will send a contract for signatures.


Charles Hillenburg of BCH Inc. of Bedford, IN: Presented proposals for materials for the two bridge structures in Liberty Twp. at a total cost of \$37,852. Structures meet highway weight requirements. His company is placing one in Cass County this week and Larry and Brian may go look at it. Commissioners will not make a decision before Mr. Hillenburg gets them prices for A 588 steel rather than the A 572 steel quoted.

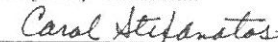
Carroll Street Bridge agreement: Commissioners signed the revised agreement already signed by the city. It relates to payment for sewer relocation expenses.

Miami Street Bridge: There seems to be no written agreement between John Camden Construction and the City of Wabash for payment of supplies for work Camden did on the storm sewers. Who will pay the \$5,278.01 bill is in limbo. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.


Lester Templin, Chairman


Darle Dawes


Brian Hauptert

ATTEST: 
Carol Stefanafos, Auditor