

January 12, 1998

Chairman, Les Templin, called the meeting to order in the courthouse with all attending. Minutes of the 1/5/98 meeting were approved as written, motioned by Darle, second by Brian and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Check Register and the Payroll Claim and Allowance Docket. Commissioners set a policy concerning payroll check pick up from the Auditor's office rather than from a department head. A copy of the check (excluding the stub) must be signed by the individual picking up the check, and the Auditor will forward the signed copy to the department head, for their records. This policy is for emergencies, and checks should normally come from their department. Brian motioned to approve paying Deputy Surveyor, Cheri Snee, for 16 and 3/4 days of accrued vacation at the 1998 rate, second by Darle and passed. She was inadvertently overlooked in the settlement in 1997. Recorder, Donna Friedersdorf, opted to forego a request for compensation for time accrued while she was a deputy.

Chairman Templin advised information has been forwarded to the Prosecutor, who has contacted the State Police for investigation of the alleged removal of property from the County Farm. Employee Service Records indicate there has been no abuse of vacation time by the highway supervisor, and no policy changes will be made prior to a Feb. 2nd meeting with Dennis DeMay of the Labor Relations Board. This will be an executive meeting. Local banker, Jerry Ault, commended Commissioners for studying issues thoroughly. A group of 13 attending the meeting made new, but unsubstantiated, accusations.

Liberty Mills alley dispute: The judge decreed the alley is not vacated. It is unimproved, only 3 alleys in Liberty Mills have gravel, but all are used, according to Brainard and his daughter Cathy Green, adjacent property owners. Mr. Brainard, has offered to gravel contested alley, but did not mention future maintenance. Contested alley has property encroaching, and if county doesn't remove it by Saturday, they will, according to Mr. Brainard.

Azim Nassimi and Stephen King of Combined Benefits Services: Ten employees have signed up for benefits thru their company, and Commissioners had set a minimum enrollment of 20 employees to implement the program (8-18-97 minutes). Brian motioned to waive the earlier limit and review the program after a year, second by Darle and passed.

Tina Edwards, Probation, and Dave Vanderpool of Graphic Sciences presented a proposal to purchase 5 laptop computers for probation officers to use in the field that will compatibly work with current personal computers in house. Cost, including 2 new phone lines is \$21,690., to come from Adult User Fee monies. Brian motioned to approve the purchase from Adult User Fees, reluctantly 2nd by Darle and passed. Darle is concerned, since this is the first time Graphic Sciences has placed lap tops in a probation dept.

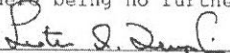
Tim Roberts, Sheriff: 72 in jail this morning, he estimates 5 or 6 on work release. Tim wants to hold off on a work release center if numbers consistently stay that low. He estimates he would need about 20 to make it cost effective.

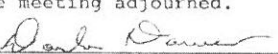
Larry Rice, Highway dept.: His new employee passed the mandatory drug test, so he is officially hired. There have been water problems with all the rain. On CR 1300 N, east of CR 300 W Larry says raising the road 4 to 5 feet would keep water off the road, but not resolve the problem for the O'Brien family. On CR 800 N starting at CR 200 E and going west, there is a roadside tile that is no longer maintained, and it's going to need work. Commissioners gave Larry permission to have calibration and gauge adjustment on 2 distributors. Larry has researched the 9 permit requests from Indiana American Water Corp. and recommended Commissioners approve the request at the intersection of St.Rd.13 and CR 50 N (Morrett Rd.) and 100' northeast of U.S. 24. Commissioners signed the request. Larry said 4 of the requests appear to be in the domain of INDOT, 3 are questionable with the information supplied and the recent annexation into the City of Wabash, they may no longer be county, and 1 appears to be on privately owned property, so he recommended waiting for more information on those.

Appointments: Darle motioned to re-appoint Max Reed as Veterans Service Officer, second by Brian and passed. Max was re-appointed last week, but no formal motion was made. Brian motioned to appoint Jeffrey Pyle, a veterinarian, to the Board of Health thru Dec. 1998, 2nd by Darle and passed. He completes the term of Randy Greene.

Darle reported he had spoken with Dan Darly of D & C Construction, and they will send someone to look at the peeling baseboard in the courthouse basement. Doug Kroft of Kroft Construction will look at the leaking skylight at the Probation office, and Brian motioned to award the Memorial Hall east entrance renovation to Kroft Construction at a quoted amount of \$6,000., second by Darle and passed. Mr Kroft estimates he can begin work on the entrance in about two weeks

Kelly Schenkel, Clerk, reported she is in need of additional filing cabinets, and has no place to put them. Les will talk with the judges about possibly moving the public computer monitor into the law library which would free up space in small claims rooms. Kelly & Commissioners also discussed the possibility of a drop box, or acceptance of payments at a local bank for after hours support payments. She will do some research. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.


Lester Templin, Chairman


Darle Daves


Brian Hauptert

ATTEST: 
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor