

January 5, 1998

Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. Carol Stefanatos, Auditor, conducted the appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman for 1998. Brian nominated Lester as Chairman, 2nd by Darle and passed. Brian nominated Darle as Vice Chairman, second by Les and passed. Les will be the liason with the North Central Private Industry Council, Darle will remain with the County Plan Commission and Brian was appointed to WEDCOR. Brian motioned to approve the 12/22/97 minutes as corrected to indicate finish up and paving will be done on the Miami Street bridge in the spring, 2nd by Darle and passed. Commissioners reviewed Memorial Hall/Jail custodian hours and signed the Payroll Claim and Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register.

1998 Appointments: George Airgood to the Alcohol Beverage Board thru 1998, motioned by Brian, 2nd by Darle and passed. Max Reed as Veterans Service Officer thru 1998. Carol Armstrong to the Plan Commission Board thru 2001, motioned by Brian, 2nd by Darle and passed. Tourism Commission appointments include new members Ginger Murphy for the Salamonie Reservoir, approval motioned by Darle, 2nd by Brian, and Mike Brown from North Manchester, approval motioned by Brian, second by Darle and both were passed. Brian motioned to re-appoint Beckie Elliott to the Tourism Commission, 2nd by Darle, passed. Darle motioned to appoint C. Robert Elrod to the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission thru 1999, 2nd by Brian and passed. Brian motioned to re-appoint Mary Brane thru 2001, and appoint Dr. Steven Fassino thru 1999 to the Board of Health, 2nd by Darle and passed. Dr Fassino completes the term of Joe Anderson.

Larry Rice, County Highway: Requested and received Commissioner approval to hire Kenny Koehler pending mandatory drug test results. New truck has arrived, but muffler was not moved so county crews could install the underbody. There is indecision as to whether Denney Motor Sales or Northern Equipment of Plymouth is responsible for oversight. Larry says the United Telephone Co. request to bury cable in the right-of-way of CR 200 E is okay. It runs 1756 feet north on CR 200 E beginning 1800 feet north of CR 800 S. Commissioners signed the request.

Ordinance 94-9: Commissioners signed two amendments prepared by County Attorney, Tom Mattern. Both change YEILD signs to STOP signs on CR 650 E and CR 700 E respectively, at their intersections with CR 1100 N.

Life-Med contract for 1998 was signed by Commissioners and owner Chris Brown. Life-Med will be reimbursed in monthly payments of \$6,458.33 rather than the previous method of \$75.00 per run. Total county subsidy for 1998 is 77,500. 1997 statistics show 1833 Wabash Co. responses, 1420 Wabash Co. transports with 1054 of those transports being county residents. 1054 x 75.00 is \$79,050 for 1977 with a budget of \$67,500.

Bridge Inspection Proposals: Brian researched all quotes received 12/22/97, and felt overall, Butler Fairman & Seufert had the best figures. He motioned to award the job to Butler Fairman & Seufert, 2nd by Darle and passed.

Ann Gillespie and John Stephens updated Commissioners on the ATEK/Manatron reconstruction ditch program problems. Paul Jones has been assigned as programmer, but he won't be able to correct the problems in a timely manner. Ann will ask Mark Ramer and Jim Flake from ATEK/Manatron to meet with Commissioners.

Board of Finance annual meeting is 1/26/98 at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioner room.

Tim Roberts, Sheriff: 71 in jail this morning, the jail inspector is doing his inspection, but Tim doesn't foresee any problems. New merit deputy is on board. Warsaw Roofing has looked at the jail roof and is preparing an estimate.


Rick Freeman, Schenkel/Shultz, architects: His company specializes in correction and criminal justice buildings, and would like to be considered for work release center or courthouse renovation work.

Brian motioned to leave a "comp time" policy decision until they gather more information, second by Darle and passed. Commissioners agree highway supervisor and assistant supervisor are not to use any "comp time" until policy decision is made. In another personnel matter, Commissioners asked the Auditor to send a reminder of the county policy in regards to the use of county vehicles.

The Auditor reported the Construction Inspection Services notices for quotes were mailed 12/24/97. The deadline is 1/26/98 at 10:30 a.m. Commissioners reviewed the Financial Statement for December. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.


Lester D. Templin, Chairman


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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor