

Chairman, Les Templin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all members present. Minutes of the 8/24 meeting were approved as written, moved by Darle, second by Brian, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the Clerk and Treasurer's monthly reports and the Jail and Memorial Hall custodian hours. They reviewed and approved notices to extend quotes thru 1999 at 1996 prices from Haywood Printing Co. and ABF Business Forms. Brian motioned to accept the Haywood contract, second by Darle, and passed. Darle moved to accept the ABF Business Forms contract, second by Brian, and passed. Commissioners reviewed a contract submitted by L & J Wastepaper for weekly disposal of recyclable materials. Brian moved not to sign the agreement instituting a \$30. per month service fee, second by Darle, and passed. In the past there has been no charge for the service. Commissioners made a one time exception to the policy concerning longevity pay, which is due the first payroll of December each year. Darle motioned to approve payment in the November 30th pay, second by Brian, and passed. Discussed and tabled for now a Council suggested change in the longevity policy if an employee leaves county employment, then returns at a later date. Regarding the 30 hour workweek schedule used by our health insurer for eligibility, Darle motioned that the mean time must be 30 hours in a seven day period on a regular basis to be eligible for coverage, second by Brian, and passed. Heard from the auditor, that Mike Beauchamp, had made arrangements to include mandatory "workers comp" coverage for volunteers on the Emergency Management roster. The additional coverage costs \$62. for one year, but we may not see a charge until next January when our new cycle begins. Commissioners signed the agreement between the County Assessor and Accurate Assessments Inc. of Fort Wayne, for re-appraisal services due to be completed by April 15, 1999. Heard that Terry Parrett will not have time to do several repair jobs needed in the courthouse. The Auditor will contact Ron Rife about making the repairs. The Auditor noted architect Mary Ellen Rudisel was in the courthouse tower last week and reports more birds are getting inside where the flashing needs replaced.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway: They have completed 76 miles of chip and seal and the local detour signs for the St. Rd. 114 closing for bridge repair are up. Reports Lamar Dixon is asking the county to pay for some dredging work he ordered and paid for due to damage to his property from the recent storms. The Commissioners took the matter under advisement. Larry reports a change order recently signed by the Commissioners on the Old St. Rd. 15 project was denied due to some inter office complications. Commissioners signed a new change order that should be accepted when resubmitted. Larry reports the county bridge inspection being done by Butler Fairman & Seufert should be complete. Preliminary reports show a great deal of damage, mostly caused by the recent storms. Larry thinks today all county roads should be open. Some have been closed because of high water at the Salamonie Reservoir. Materials have been delivered for the replacement of bridge # 32 on CR 900 S. Herb Underwood reports they're driving piling today and should get that completed tomorrow. He expects the job should be completed by mid September. Larry noted that Elliott Road bridge # 108 being replaced, needs a state bridge number allotted, and he recommends it be designated state bridge # 182. Brian motioned acceptance, second by Darle and passed.

Terry Hudson aired some personnel questions and accusations as a concerned tax payer. He indicated that there has been a pot hole on CR 1300 N at CR 400 W since the flooding, that hasn't been repaired, and that high water warnings weren't posted promptly. Brian moved to end the discussion, noting there are several agencies where Terry could take his accusations for review. Terry left the meeting and Brian withdrew his motion. Darle said he talked with several employees last Thursday afternoon who indicated they felt they were not consistantly treated fairly, and he urged Brian and Les to talk with employees.

Commissioner Attorney, Tom Mattern reports he has enough information to proceed with prosecution in the complaint of a dog running loose in Somerset. He has an Affidavit and numerous complaints from two residents. The Animal Warden has responded to several calls, but the dog has not been loose at those times. Tom will send a letter to the owner first. If there is no compliance, he will take the matter to court.

Tim Roberts, Sheriff, reports 84 in jail this morning. He introduced Jon Pace, his newest deputy, who fills the vacancy left by Mark Henderson's retirement.

Liberty Mills alley dispute: Controversy continues among adjacent property owners. The judge ordered the alley not be vacated. Commissioners will talk with Larry Rice about removing some brush, and Sheriff Roberts about responding to complaints.

Jim Holmes and Linda Baker on CR 250 N near Andrews had concerns about bridge repair work about five weeks ago, that damaged his property. Larry Rice hasn't forgotten, but they ran out of dirt, and have been busy with repairs throughout the county. Larry asked them to give him a three week window to complete repairs.

Bob Luce of Butler Fairman and Seufert, had a corrective inter- county agreement between Wabash and Miami counties. It makes Wabash the lead agency for the recreational road work on CR 950 S in Wabash Co., that extends into Miami Co. Commissioners signed. Bob also reports re-designing work on the Carroll St. bridge should be done by Feb. 1999 and bids could be let in July of 1999. Bob suggests Larry question Jim Hamilton (With Butler Fairman) about Carroll St. bridge progress, when he meets with Larry for his exit conference on the county bridge inspection.

Riverwood Estates, Riverwood Drive: Attorney Richard Fisher, has a deed ready for signatures, and Tom Mattern will prepare a resolution of acceptance of Riverwood Dr. into the county road system. Brian says they have complied with the requirements for preparing a road for acceptance. Darle moved to accept the road into the county system upon completion of a resolution and signing of deeds, second by Brian, and passed. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Lester Templin, Chairman                      Darle Dawes                      Brian Haupert

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor