

September 14, 1998

Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' room with all members present. Minutes of the 9/8 meeting were approved as written, motioned by Darle, second by Brian, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the Jail/Memorial Hall custodian hours and noted IN Dept. of Environmental Management approval of a sewer installation in the No. Manchester Industrial Park, tract III. Noted a response from attorney Mattern's letter concerning violation of the loose dog provision in the Animal Control Ordinance. The dog owners indicate their dog, the family pet, is not the culprit, and they have seen other similar black dogs loose in the area. Regardless, they plan to advertise their dog for adoption in the hopes of resolving the issue. The Auditor noted the recycle dumpster was removed 9/10, and Commissioners made arrangements for the Co. Highway Dept. to pick up and deliver the material weekly to the recycle center. It should be clearly marked as recycle items. Lester reports Treasurer, Ann Gillespie, plans to replace her standing work tables with roller shelves, and needs guidance on handling the electric lines that need relocated. Commissioners will look into the matter.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Had the bi-annual bridge inspection exit conference with James Hamilton of Butler, Fairman & Seufert last Wednesday, and overall, the bridges look good. The Carroll Street bridge over the Wabash River and a Liberty Mills bridge are the most serious. The Carroll St. bridge is soon to be replaced, and Larry says the Liberty Mills bridge can be repaired. Both have weight limits to increase safety. There is scour damage on other bridges from summer flooding, some guard rails need brought up to code and some steel needs painted to prevent deterioration. 114 1/2 miles of chip and seal are completed. They only worked on it two days last week due to mechanical problems. Susan Eakright of Millers Merry Manor-Manor Care on Pike St. extended, asked if old Yield and Stop signs could be donated for educational uses with their residents. Larry says they're sold for scrap, and donating them is fine with him. Commissioners agree. Darle and Larry have both had calls about changing all Yield signs to Stop for safety. Larry has records on Yield sign locations, and will bring them for review. Larry presented a petition to change the Yield sign to Stop on north/south bound CR 100 E at the intersection with CR 400 N. Darle moved approval, second by Brian, and passed. Larry says there's another one circulating for CR 400 E at CR 500 N. At Larry's request Commissioners set an Executive Meeting for 9/21 at 1:00 p.m. at the highway department.

Riverwood Estates road dedication: Commissioners refused to allow an additional statement to the deed of dedication granting perpetual drainage and utility easements to current and subsequent adjacent property owners. Requests should be presented to them for approval, as is customary with all county roads they maintain. After discussion, Riverwood Estates representative, Attorney Richard Fisher, agreed with the Commissioner's stand. He will get the papers recorded to add Riverwood Drive to the county road system.

Herb Underwood, engineer, updated on his projects. The bridge on CR 900 S is in and the road open, although there's still grading to be completed next week. The Elliott Rd. bridge contractor hopes the supplies are here so he can start next week. Herb will look at bridge # 92 over Enyeart Creek on old U.S.24E, where Triad has asked permission to attach a sewer line for the Wabash to Lagro system. He'll make a recommendation.

Chad Dilling, Plan Commissioner reported 3 intersection concerns from State Police officers. There's rank vegetation on the SE corner of CR 1050 S at the America Road crossing. On CR 900 S at CR 600 E, the property owner cut back his corn promptly after being asked to. On CR 1050 S at CR 600 E, high ground obstructs visibility, and the only solution would be to excavate on private property. The highway dept. mowed to the fences recently, which didn't eliminate the problem. Chad says the items encroaching into the road right-of-way on Tillman Road have been moved except at Mr. Koch's driveway.

Courthouse/ Memorial Hall roof quote deadline at 11:00 a.m.: Three quotes were submitted, but after discussion of legalities, Brian moved not to open any of the bids, and re-advertise the project with a quote deadline of October 13th at 11:00 a.m. A mandatory pre-bid meeting is set for 9/30 at 2:00 p.m., and Commissioners won't accept quotes from anyone who does not attend the meeting. Second by Darle, the motion passed.

Linda Learned, No. Manchester Police dept. and Jack Fetrow, No. Manchester Fire Chief, presented a revised, and lower, estimate from J & K Communications for E-911 equipment needs for their new facility. For \$26,037.64 they can get a logging recorder, instant playback recorder and master satellite chronometer, all of which will adequately suit their needs. Brian motioned support of the purchase, second by Darle, and passed. A request for an additional appropriation for the equipment will be submitted for the October 19th Council meeting. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Lester Templin, Chairman

Darle Dawes

Brian Hauptert

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor