

September 28, 1998

Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Room of the courthouse with all members present. Minutes of the 9/21 meeting were approved as written, motioned by Darle, second by Brian, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the Clerk's monthly report and the Memorial Hall/Jail custodian hours. They denied a Probation Dept. request to close the office between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. on Oct. 16th for a lunch celebration. At the request of Shelly Neal of Family Services, Brian moved to sign the proclamation designating October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, second by Darle, the motion passed. There will be a candlelight vigil at the Christ United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. on Oct. 22nd. Shelly invited Commissioners to participate by reading the proclamation. After talking with Co. Agent, Vince Harrell, Commissioners appointed him to the Roann Wellhead Protection board. Vince does have a conflict with meetings on the 1st Thursday of the month, as he's a member of the Plan Commission board. Commissioners discussed the grievances filed by Co. Highway personnel, and heard, at last week's Executive Session. In accordance with a required response within 30 days of the hearing, Brian moved to uphold the assessment of the situation provided by the supervisor's response, second by Les, the motion passed with Darle voting nay. One of the grievances reviewed, was not filed in a timely manner in accordance with the county policy manual.

Tim Roberts, Sheriff: 86 in jail today. He also noted they passed the jail inspection. His department heard from the Brainards in Liberty Mills. They're upset, but can get through the alley, so Tim said for now it's open. Brian conferred with the judge on options, and the highway department will fill pot holes as soon as possible.

Underground fuel tanks: Removal quote for the highway department is \$6,800. for two tanks, and Commissioners approved an additional appropriation request of \$7,000. moved by Brian, second by Darle and passed. A quote for the removal of one at the jail is \$8,717.65. This includes replacement with a larger tank (500 gal rather than 300 gal) and some safety monitoring equipment. Sufficient funds are available in the County Correctional fund, so payment will come from there.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway: Says there are water problems on CR 700 S east of CR 390 E. Conditions are deteriorating at the registered, but not certified, drain. The stream needs straightened over a 300 yard area. The Shopping Center Road in Somerset is surfaced over the area staked by John Stephens. Based on Herb Underwood's recommendation, Triad will not be allowed to place the line for the Wabash to Lagro sewer line on bridge # 92 on Old Rd. 24 east. Old Rd. 15 south will be closed for work today and probably tomorrow. Larry has his supply needs for "99", Commissioners signed, and they'll be advertised. Double chip and seal plans for "99" are: (1) CR 600 E and 650 W will probably carry over from this year, (2) Durnbaugh Rd. and CR 900N are on hold as much preparation needs completed, and (3) new additions would be CR 400 N between St. Rd. 15 and CR 600 W and CR 100 W between CR 400 N and 500 N. He will concentrate on getting preparations for paving next summer done now, while the weather is good. Larry and Brian plan to attend the Assoc. of County Commissioners evening district conference on Oct. 8th in Kokomo. NE, NW and N Central districts will meet together. Commissioners signed the IN Dept. of Transportation final report letter on the CR 1000 S project. If any more work is done to appease Mr. Kessler, it will have to be done locally, the contractors have fulfilled their requirements. Larry will talk with Kessler. Larry had a drawing of the intersection of CR 450 W and CR 1200 S, where the county is accused of negligence for failing to regulate traffic flow, which resulted in an accident. There is a Yield sign on 1200 S eastbound, where it intersects with the curve that comes from 450 W. Larry is also expecting a letter from the Metropolitan School district concerning this area. The area was designed by the Corp. of Engineers during the damn construction, and Larry thinks an engineer should study it.

Tom Mattern had two completed ordinances amending the traffic ordinance 1994-9, and the Commissioners signed them. All traffic on CR 500 W will stop at the intersection with CR 800 S. All traffic traveling on CR 100 E will stop at the intersection with CR 400 N. Regarding the dog complaint from Somerset, Mr. Mattern had a picture of the dog, and a letter of complaint from one resident, and another resident attended the Commissioner's meeting with concerns about the same dog. Sheriff Roberts suggested a video would provide help, as the Animal Control Warden has never found the dog loose.

Sabrina Street of the Small Business Development Center in Kokomo, asked Commissioners to commit \$2,500. in 1999 to their program. They visit Wabash Co. twice monthly to counsel prospective entrepreneurs who are considering starting a small business. They provide this assistance for Howard, Cass, Miami and Wabash counties. The County Council dedicated \$2,500. from CEDIT funds for 1998. Commissioners took the matter under advisement.

Paul Bergman, Emergency Management director, told Commissioners he may be able to make use of the Sheriff department's computer mapping system to pinpoint buildings in rural areas that could be potential terrorist targets. This would be included in his anti-terrorist plan.

Ron Harris, Courthouse custodian, told Commissioners a cab for his tractor could be installed for \$727. The tractor, used for mowing and snow removal is 5 years old. Commissioners asked Ron to get a price for a new tractor with a cab before they make a decision. They also asked Ron if he had seen Atlas Building Services workers here to fix hooks on the dome for the Christmas lights. Ron has not seen them. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Lester D. Templin, Chairman

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor