

November 9, 1998

Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's room of the courthouse with all members attending. Minutes of the 11/2 meeting were approved as written, motioned by Darle, second by Brian, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the Jail/Memorial Hall custodian hours and three Midwest Poultry applications to the IN Dept. of Environmental Management for permit renewal to discharge pollutant bearing water in Wabash Co. They signed a final report on the Community Development Block Grant for Ken Ward of the Area Five Agency on Ageing and Community Service, Inc. The program purchased and rehabilitated homes for low income families. Noted there will be a ground breaking service for the Hoosier Heartland Corridor on 11/12 at 10:00 a.m. north of Lagro. Made their two appointments for 1999 to the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA). Brian moved to nominate Lori Draper (R) who is a level two assessor/ appraiser, and Phyllis Butler (D) as a lay member, second by Darle, and passed. Darle motioned to sign a three year agreement with DMG/Maximus to do cost allocation studies for the county for "98-2000", second by Brian, and passed. They don't get paid unless they find funds that should be refunded to the county, and the maximum paid is \$7,250. Took under advisement an agreement with Barnes and Thornburg for legal retainer services on the building renovation project. Brian will check with other firms first.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Elliott Rd. bridge is open, he'll check with DebCo, who installed the bridge, about whether guardrails are included in the agreement, and if not, he'll get prices. Advised funding for changing Yield signs to Stop signs could come from local road and street funds if it's set up as a project. Effective in 1999 the price per sign goes up \$.90 and he estimates about \$7,000. to replace all existing Yield signs and posts. This would include the small towns, and they'd work in phases, saving the towns till last. They can work as long as the ground isn't frozen. He estimates it would cost an additional \$4,000. to change all sign posts from 8 ft. to 10 ft. as is recommended. Currently, they change the posts as signs need replaced. Brian moved to request Council approval of \$7,000. to replace all Yield signs with Stop signs, including the small towns, using 10 ft. posts, second by Darle, and passed. For now, replacing all sign posts with 10 ft. posts is on hold.

Doug Rowles, REMC: Appreciates the plan to eliminate Yield signs for safety reasons. He reports his company spent about \$75,000. in materials and labor after the July storms, and asked if the Commissioners had heard any more from SEMA or FEMA about fund reimbursement. Les suggested Rowles contact Emergency Management director, Paul Bergman. Rowles also asked Larry Rice to look at a culvert that was washed out in the July storms. It's on CR 475 W about 3/10 of a mile north of CR 100 S. Larry will look at it.

Bill Bradley, WEDCOR: Would like Commissioner approval of the CEDIT Plan for 1999 thru 2001. Since it may be amended if needed, if plans change on the Urbana Drainage project. Bill will bring a final draft for Commissioners to sign next week. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle Dawes

Brian Haupert

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor