

March 1, 1999

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order in the courthouse at 9:00 a.m. with all members attending. Minutes of the 2/22 meeting were approved with a correction that Tom Mattern will be filing an answer to the Barshney lawsuit as required, moved by Les, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Accounts Payable Voucher Register, and the Jail/Memorial Hall custodian hours. Upon the recommendation of Executive Director, David Hunter, Les moved to reappoint Jim Mishler and Marna Hettmansperger to the Wabash County Hospital Board for four year terms thru March 31, 2003. Second by Darle, the motion passed. Reviewed with Pat Lynn of Step Ahead, the Local Planning Council 1999 Plan. Les moved approval of the plan, second by Darle, and passed. Told Treasurer, Ann Gillespie, to proceed with testing the Manatron Ditch Reconstruction program by rolling over a ditch record. Heard from Plan Commissioner, Chad Dilling, that our legislators need to work on setting standards for measuring the two mile buffer zone just beyond a city's boundary limits. Commissioners listened to health insurance presentations by Paul Bergman and Tim Handwick for BENICORP Insurance coverage and Joe Hurry of Insurance Benefits Services for coverage thru Reserve Life Insurance. Commissioners will review the options.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Department: The new distributor is here. Larry will make reservations for himself, Brian, and Les to attend Purdue Road School, March 23rd & 24th. Ralph Dawes has requested road cut permission on CR 600 E 1/2 mile south of CR 1050 S. As of last Friday, they hadn't located where the ditch goes, so they're not sure where the problem is. Darle suggests Larry use his best judgement, and have someone at the work site when Mr. Dawes is working. Mrs. Ruth Oldfather, CR 200 W, notified Larry their ditch work is completed, and they're ready for the county to lower the culvert, as agreed to by Commissioners 11/30/98. Commissioners approved use of the Highway Dept. back lot by the Solid Waste District for a household hazardous waste pick-up day when the weather is better. Larry said property owners near the bridge replacement on CR 600 E want the floodgate left in place. Commissioners noted the property owner would be responsible for damages to the county bridge caused by wash-out or debris due to the floodgate.

Tom Mattern, Commissioner Attorney presented two amendments to Road Sign Ordinance 94-9. One adds a STOP sign on Riverwood Drive where it intersects Baumbauer Road. The other one replaces all Yield signs with STOP signs throughout the county. Commissioners signed both amendments. Tom will get City of Wabash approval of a TRIAD bill for \$750. on the Carroll St. bridge sewer relocation project. It dates back to 8/31/98, and TRIAD has charged interest of \$58.76, which the county doesn't intend to pay. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian Hauptert, Chairman

Darle Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor