

April 12, 1999

Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order in the Commissioners Conference Room of the courthouse at 9:00 a.m. with all members attending. Minutes of the 4/5 meeting were approved as written, moved by Les, second by Darle, and passed. They reviewed the Jail/Memorial Hall custodian hours and a Marcus Cable Co. letter indicating 5 new channels will be added to the tier showcase and rates will increase by June 1st. Commissioners noted a letter with concerns about the safety of the Carroll St. bridge and local government preparations for year 2000 computer readiness. The Auditor will respond to the concerns. Commissioners set the Co. Surplus Auction for June 25, 1999 at 4:00 p.m. and the Auditor will contact auctioneer, Mark Metzger, to run the sale. After discussion, and upon the recommendation of Wabash Co. Hospital Executive Director, David Hunter, Les moved to appoint Howard Halderman to the hospital Board of Trustees thru 3/31/2001, second by Darle, and passed. Halderman will complete the term of John Philippsen, who resigned effective 5/1/99.

Arvin Copeland, Wabash Fire Chief, urged Commissioners to have the Wabash Fire Dept. added to the E-911 list for responding to emergencies in the south/western part of Wabash Co. now served by the Converse volunteer department. Copeland feels the city's response time should be quicker (12 to 15 min.), and trained paramedics are available at all times while Converse has EMS status. Also, county residents pay taxes that subsidize emergency services. Commissioners will talk with area residents, other local officials and review the agreement with Converse, before making any policy changes.

Donna Friedersdorf, Recorder, received approval from the Commissioners to purchase two book storage units with counter tops for her office. When full, the units will weigh about 1 ton. Commissioners don't think the weight is a problem.

Harry Knable, CR 100 W, told Commissioners he was upset because someone from the drainage board dug holes on his property without permission, and then didn't refill the holes. He said they were looking for a tile. Knable says if they show up again without notifying him, he'll call the Sheriff and have their equipment impounded. Commissioners will look into the matter. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian Hauptert, Chairman

Darle Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, secretary