

May 17, 1999

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all members attending. Minutes of the 5/10 meeting were approved as written, moved by Les, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket, the Payroll Check Register and the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. They reviewed the Clerk's monthly report for April. Commissioners learned the Co. Health Dept. is requesting additional funds of \$1,000. (\$14. per hr.) for the rest of 1999, for a part time nurse to help during vacation and busy times. They plan to include funds in next years' budget, too. The department is also requesting an additional \$4,705. to cover the county share of health insurance premium increases that began in April. Co. Clerk, Jo Ann Hettmansperger, will have a request before the Co. Council for an additional \$4,000. for part time help to microfilm court records. The \$2,000. budgeted for 1999 is gone, and while Circuit Court records are pretty current, Superior Court needs brought up to date. Darle moved for Commissioner support of the Clerk's request, second by Les, and passed. Following discussion of the county computer disaster policy prepared by Les, and reviewed by the State Board of Accounts, Darle moved to adopt the policy, second by Les, and passed. Les will add a computer vendor list as an attachment to the approved plan, and the Auditor will see that all departments have a copy. Heard from Co. Plan Commissioner, Chad Dilling, the unsafe building on the corner of Washington and Dover Streets in Lagro, has been razed by the owner. Learned from Evelyn Tate on CR 400 S, that she's had drainage problems on her property since landscaping filled in the side ditch at the Greg Garner home. Commissioners will talk with Larry Rice and Bill Kline, who have looked at the area, and say the road isn't affected. Attorney, Tom Mattern has reviewed the agreement with GTE, and recommends Commissioners sign it so the equipment upgrade can proceed. Les moved to sign the E-911 agreement with GTE in which the county agrees to pay \$4,081.92 a month over a 60 month period for upgraded equipment, second by Darle, and passed. Tom noted John Spiedel, Jr. of Butler, Fairman & Seufert, contacted him about deed forms for the Old St. Rd. 15 right-of-way acquisition. Commissioners are disturbed about the way this project has dragged on, and may look to other sources for future projects. Mary Ellen Rudisel of Scearce & Rudisel Architects, reported after visiting the courthouse roof, that Atlas Building Services has repainted the base of the dome at no charge, and the peeling wasn't the fault of the paint, but the application. Mary Ellen plans to check the paint in the fall and again next spring, as it peeled a year after application.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry talked with railroad representative, Mike Scime, about warning flashers at the crossings on CR 50 E at Treaty and CR 500 N in Urbana, and one of the support pilings at the Wabash River crossing. Mike will look into the requests, but says the railroad has a formula for crossing work, as there are 7,000 crossings in Indiana, and funds are limited. He says northern urban areas are high priority, and sometimes one crossing must be eliminated in order to make another one safer. He also suggested the county contact Steve Hull at the IN Dept. of Transportation about the matter. Larry prepared a comparison of the truck and equipment bids accepted on March 8th. Overall, only two companies met the specifications, and experience seems to indicate GMC vehicles are in for repairs more frequently than International vehicles. Overhead wipers aren't available on GMC trucks, and the drivers and mechanics prefer International trucks. No trucks were replaced last year, and Larry thinks he might get a better price if he bought two, now. Les moved to purchase the International truck from Northern Equipment of Plymouth for \$51,344.96, second by Darle, and passed. Les noted they would prefer to buy locally if possible. Larry has set a tentative date of June 21st to start chip & seal work. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian Hauptert, Chairman

Darle Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST:

Carol Stefanatos, Auditor