

May 24, 1999

Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the Commissioner's meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all members present. Minutes of the 5/17 meeting were approved with two corrections, moved by Les, second by Darle, and passed. In the E-911 report, upgraded equipment is deleted and to GTE as our service provider, is added. In the highway truck purchase, Northern Equipment of Plymouth is deleted, and Selking International of Decatur is added. Commissioners reviewed the Treasurer's Monthly report and the Jail/Memorial Hall custodian hours. They learned the Commissioners Northeast district meeting will be in Portland, IN on June 22nd. Learned from Attorney, Tom Mattern, that he had completed and returned his report of the status of tort claims and lawsuits against the county in 1998 to the State Board of Accounts auditors. Les, after talking with St. Board of Accounts representatives, will work on updating the county fixed assets policy to agree with state guidelines of a \$1,000. value for fixed assets, with lower valued items listed as inventory. Commissioners set June 21st at 1:30 to meet with an employee committee to discuss health insurance options. They would like one representative from each building, including the Courthouse, Memorial Hall, Sheriff, Highway Dept. and Probation, plus a Council member.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway dept.: Reports there is no break in the cost of a truck purchase until nine or more are ordered at one time. He said a letter, signed by Commissioner Hauptert, has been sent to Steve Hall with IN Dept. of Transportation, requesting warning devices at the Treaty (CR 50 E) and Urbana (CR 500 N) railroad crossings. Upon Larry's recommendation, Commissioners signed a SPRINT request to bury cable in the right-of-way of CR 950 N for 628 feet, and then bore under the road to provide service to a new home at 7751 W CR 950 N. Bridge # 96 over the Salamonie River was repaired by John Camden Construction last Thursday, and Bernardin & Lochmueller engineers will be paid for their assessment of needed repairs. Larry is to meet Mike Hileman at CR 1300 N at 3:00 this afternoon to review plans for elevating the road, and they reiterated that the adjacent property owner is responsible for the costs of raising their driveway to meet the road. This project is to eliminate standing water on the roadway. Larry says CR 100 E and CR 50 N are closed, and will be for a while, for work on new U.S. 24.

Butler, Fairman & Seufert representatives, John Speidel, Jr. and Jim Hamilton, presented an updated list of property owners along Old St. Rd. 15, and a deed format for documenting existing right-of-way grants. Butler, Fairman representatives will join Commissioners in a public meeting to achieve this goal. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 17th at 6:30 p.m., with a follow-up meeting set for June 24th at 6:30. They hope to meet at Southwood High School, and will seek permission.

Sabrina Street, of the Kokomo Small Business Development Center, requested continued support of their business counseling program in Wabash County for the year 2000. She asks \$2,500. be included in the CEDIT budget, as it has been for the last two years. Galen Bremmer, Wabash Chamber of Commerce director, strongly supports continuing the twice a month visits to meet with potential entrepreneurs or help existing businesses. Les moved to support the \$2,500. request from the 2000 CEDIT budget, second by Darle, and passed. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Brian Hauptert, Chairman

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor