

June 21, 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 6/14 meeting were approved as written, moved by Darle, second by Les, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the Clerk's Monthly Report and the Memorial Hall/Jail custodian hours. Learned the Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) denied an application for funds from the Flood Control Revolving Fund for the Urbana Drainage Project. The DNR indicates the project doesn't fit the eligibility requirements set in I.C. 14-28-5-7. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern will review a contract for "on call" engineering services with Bernardin, Lochmueller & Associates before Commissioners make a decision to sign it. Mr. Mattern, responding to Brian's query, feels the vote last week to purchase a truck from Denney's, should be retracted. The specifications should be re-bid for new quotes, before buying a second truck from a different vendor. Les moved to rescind his 6/14 motion to purchase a truck from Denney Motor Sales, and equipment from Northern Equipment Second by Darle, with reluctance, because he's not certain last week's vote needs cancelled, the motion passed. Larry Rice will have new quotes by July 12, 1999. Les learned the state pays \$13.915 per sq. ft. per year for space in the Tiede, Metz, Downs, Lynn & Schlitt building. The landlord provides everything except paper toweling & toilet tissue, including cleaning & maintenance. The state provides furnishings and equipment. Commissioners talked with department heads about wage requests for 2000, and met with department representatives to discuss solutions for the ever increasing cost of health insurance. The group will gather more data and meet again July 12th at 1:30. Due to the spiraling costs for health insurance, the group agreed to request a 5% wage increase, and ask the county to pay 80% of the insurance costs rather than the current 75%. They took under advisement a request from Ermal Pownall to complete about 300 ft. of an undeveloped street in Lake View Estates to provide access to a vacant lot where Pownall might build a "spec" house. Mr. Pownall will return next week for the Commissioner's decision.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Measured Liberty Twp. bridge # 51, and figures the opening is currently about 52 sq. feet. The DebCo quote is for a 59 sq. ft. opening, not quite 25% larger than the present one, as suggested by Herb Underwood. Larry will get figures on the next larger structure with a 72.3 sq. ft. opening. Larry said he sold scrap materials for \$1,084., a better price than past sales thru the Surplus Auction. There are about 4 usable culvert pipes, that will be sold at auction, but not as scrap. His crews have started chip & seal work and calcium treatments. Larry also said the tree limbs have been removed from the creek on Cooper Road.

Bill Bradley, WEDCOR, and Scott Galley, G & S Metals: Requested a maximum of \$12,000. from the county share of CEDIT funds, to attach the new G & S infrastructure to the city sewer line that ends at Dimension Ave. in the South Industrial Park in Wabash. That is 80% of the estimated \$15,000. cost. The remainder will be paid either by the City of Wabash or Scott Galley, owner of G & S Metals. The request is within the guidelines for use of CEDIT monies, and is for the expansion of a local business. Galley plans to stay in business, after the abatement period expires, and is already talking of further growth. Les moved for support of this project with county CEDIT funds for 80% of the cost to a maximum of \$12,000., second by Darle, and passed. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor