

July 6, 1999

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the courthouse with all members present. Minutes of the 6/28 meeting were approved as written, moved by Les, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Accounts Payable Voucher Register and the State Board of Animal Health annual contract for Bovine Brucellosis and Tuberculosis Eradication. They reviewed the Monthly Financial Report for June, the Memorial Hall/ Jail custodian hours and the Soil & Water Conservation District request for continued funding of \$6,000. from the 2000 county budget. Commissioners reviewed a letter from attorney, Mark Guenin, indicating a settlement in the Henderson vs Henderson pension plan distribution. Plan trustee, Lake City Bank will manage the bookkeeping for the separate accounts. Commissioners reviewed and signed the 2nd quarter report for the Wabash Co. Council on Ageing, presented by Deb Schneider. She reports units served rose from 2500 in the first quarter of 1999 to 4600 in the 2nd quarter. Commissioners discussed the disposition of two display cases from the Museum and fluorescent lightbulbs from the jail that didn't sell in the auction, but made no final decision. They also discussed, but made no decision, about an overgrown property between 471 & 485 E. Hill St. in Wabash. It's ownership is in limbo due to delinquent property taxes, and responsibility for maintenance is questionable. Heard from Paul Bergman, Emergency Management director, that he's working toward his goal of completing his mapping program for the county. He's asked the City of Wabash for \$2,000. to complete the city section, and will ask the town of North Manchester for funds to complete their area. The rural areas have already been completed by the Sheriff's department.

Tom Mattern, Commissioner Attorney, reports three contracts reviewed by him are all legal and binding agreements. The Bernardin, Lochmueller & Associates "on call" engineering services one year contract, is for an amount not to exceed \$20,000., and is an exclusive agreement that stipulates payment for them of an equal amount, if we contract engineering services with another consultant. There's an appendix "D" fee schedule, and Tom's only concern is the exclusivity clause. Brian will talk with Charley Alvey of Bernardin, ect. Mattern advises Commissioners to negotiate prior to signing a new lease proposal for prosecutor office space, but warns they should be prepared for possible changes before the end of this year. Mr. Mattern says the Prince/Alexander architect services contract offers possible addendums for a "clerk of the works", and a temporary parking master plan. Tom suggests making a promised 11 month warranty check a part of the written contract. Commissioners will discuss the contract with Building Study Committee members on a 7/8 trip to Jennings Co. to look at Prince/Alexander work on the courthouse and heating/ventilation system.

Terry Burnworth, Prince/Alexander Architects, brought estimates from various financial advisors and bond counsels for Commissioner review. He has worked with all of them, and doesn't have major complaints about anyone. Terry suggested Mr. Mattern might contact the bond counsel offices to learn what services are included in the fee estimate. He says sometimes a low quote ends up with added costs. After talking with Commissioners, Terry will add four items to the proposed standard contract. (1) temporary parking master plan (2) job site clerk of the works (3) eleven month warranty review and (4) assistance for the Common Construction Wage Committee meeting. Terry hopes to have that meeting within 6 to 8 weeks, and Commissioners will need to appoint a county taxpayer, an industry representative and one of themselves to the committee. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian Hauptert, Chairman

Darle Dawes

Lester D. Templin

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor