Commissioner Chairman, Brian Haupert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Conference Room of the Wabash Co. Courthouse, with all members present. Minutes of the 7/6 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket, and the Payroll Check Register. They reviewed all departments' Proposed Salaries and Wages (form  $14\overline{4}$ ) for 2000, and reviewed the budgets of appointed department heads. They won't at this time, reschedule an insurance meeting with department representatives, but will direct Co. Assessor, Kelly Schenkel, to share her collected data with the members. Learned from Paul Bergman, that Emergency Management will have a booth at the 4-H fair this week. Brian and Larry Rice agreed to attend the damn table top meeting Paul is hosting July 16th at 8:00 a.m. Les moved to approve a proposal from Steve Kasper of Communication Consulting Services, Inc., to switch county long distance phone service from WorldCom to AT & T, as part of the State of Indiana's Intelenet program open to government entities, second by Darle, and passed. For his services in saving the county an estimated \$321.95 a month for long distance phone services, Mr Kasper will receive an annual fee of \$1931.70. Commissioners asked their attorney, Tom Mattern, to review the estimates for a financial advisor and a bond counsel for the justice building project. Brian also clarified the meaning of item #2 in appendix "D" of the " on call" engineer contract with Bernardin, Lochmueller and Associates. Tom still feels the wording should be more specific by adding " services performed by others than the consultant or at the request of the consultant". Brian will talk to Charley Alvey of Bernardin, again.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Chip and seal work continues. Larry reports that the IN Dept. of Transportation (INDOT), has new voucher forms, and will only accept them from now on. This may affect some outstanding claims that will have to be refiled on the new forms. Larry asked Commissioners to look in to securing an agreement with the Wabash Valley Landfill for occasional (maybe bi-monthly) free dumping by his department. Larry presented truck quotes for Commissioner review including: (1) Volvo model WG42 for \$60,673. or model WG42-F \$56,939., (2) Denney Motor Sales GMC model 2000C7H042 for \$48,798., (3) Selking International model 2000SA255 for \$50,856.95, (4) Whiteford Truck Center model 2000L7501 for \$49,044., (5) Wise International model 4900 at \$51,911.04 or a second model at \$53,226, (6) Dan Young Chevrolet for \$50,999. Also equipment quotes from: (1) Deeds Equipment for \$22,789. and (2) Northern Equipment for \$20,765.10. Since Larry hasn't reviewed the quotes to see if they meet specifications, Les moved to take all quotes under advisement, second by Darle, and passed. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian Haupert, Chairman	Darle Dawes	Lester D. Templin
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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor