

July 26, 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 7/19 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 agreed to pay for a new 18,000 BTU window air conditioner for the Clerk's upstairs Circuit Court office, since the old unit went bad, and a reconditioned unit failed. The new unit costs \$599.99, and comes from Wabash Appliances and Electronics. They also asked Clerk Jo Ann Hettmansperger, to get some prices for a new heavy duty carpet sweeper for the courthouse. Commissioners signed a grant application for \$18,000. for the IN Victims Assistance Network (IVAN), for funds to hold a state wide or multi-state training conference for law enforcement and Victim's Assistance personnel. If approved, funds would channel thru a county account, and IVAN would have to provide a 20% match. Paul Bergman, Emergency Management director, reports he's working on a county evacuation plan with help from law enforcement agencies and the highway department. He's also making arrangements to have sirens tested. He reports that due to some planned maintenance on the Mississinewa Dam, the winter pool will be kept at a lower level this year. Paul also gave Commissioners local reimbursement figures for last winter's snow emergency, a total of \$56,239., with the county getting \$15,402. for the highway department. Heard from Chad Dilling that business in the Co. Plan Commission is slow, about a month behind last year. Commissioners will consider alternatives if business doesn't pick up this fall. Attorney, John Johnston, reports the lawsuit against the county concerning a double fatality on CR 700 E at CR 500 S was settled out of court for \$105,000. There were some issues in-volving the height of the stop sign and foliage obstructing the view. Commissioners learned our county will receive \$25,072. of the 4.1 million appropriated for fiscal year 1999-2000 for the County Misdemeanor Fund. Commissioner Attorney, Tom Mattern, reports his only question with the Intelenet telephone contract is the number of years the county plans to commit to. The contract allows up to 5 years, but Commissioners think only one year, unless our liaison, Steve Kasper, recommends otherwise. The Auditor will contact him. Brian heard from Jane Neuhauser with Ice, Miller, Donadio & Ryan, that she will send him a new contract for bond counsel on the judicial project, with costs not to exceed \$8,700.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept: 78 miles of chip and seal done, one road of double chip & seal and one road with underseal completed in preparation for double chip & seal. Les moved approval for West Bay Geographical to run seismic tests for oil, along the roadside of CR 300 N between CR 200 W and CR 100 E as per their letter of request, second by Darle, and passed. Larry will get cost figures for striping on Packerton Rd. and Old U.S. 24 W. Les moved approval for Larry to request \$85,000. to wedge the 1.9 mile section of Old U.S. 24 E from Enyeart Creek to Lagro, and \$16,000. to chip & seal the entire stretch of Old U.S. 24 E between Wabash and Lagro, second by Darle, and passed. This will be a project from Local Rd. & St. funds. Larry will look into options for eliminating either termites or carpenter bees that have infested the food building at the fairgrounds. He also said the IN Dept. of Transportation will hold a district meeting in Columbia City on Aug. 18th from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. They will discuss a 3 yr. plan of projects and priorities. With no further business, Les moved to adjourn, second by Darle, and passed.

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Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor