

August 16, 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 8/9 meeting were approved as written, moved by Darle Dawes, second by Lester Templin, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the Clerk's Monthly Report, the Memorial Hall/Jail custodian hours and the BENICOMP Monthly Report for employee health insurance. Brian signed the completed Mississinewa Dam Contingency Plan, an emergency evacuation plan, presented by Paul Bergman, Emergency Management director. Darle moved to hire IN Pest Control to treat the carpenter bees at the 4-H fairgrounds next spring, after owner J.R. Campbell, assured them the quoted price would still be good next spring, second by Les, and passed. Mr. Campbell also asked Commissioners to consider monthly monitoring and treatment for infestation problems in the Courthouse and Memorial Hall at \$50. per building. Les moved to accept Resolution 1999-7 approving the transfer of the cable television franchise, Triax Midwest Associates, L.P. to Mediacom LLC, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners signed a lease and maintenance agreement with Pillar Corp. for Prosecutor office space in 2000. It is for a term of one year, and renews automatically unless either party requests a change 30 days prior to termination. Brian noted the re-cycle dumpster has been removed by Manchester Recycling, because re-cycle materials in plastic bags were being put in the dumpster. Steve Johnson is negotiating with MRI to get it returned.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: They've completed 125 miles of chip and seal, and weather permitting, they'll have 142 miles done by the end of the week. Larry has checked the road striping option of thermoplastic, which costs more, but should last 2-3 years longer than paint. Meridian Road would cost \$1075. to paint and \$5,493. for thermoplastic. Les moved to use the thermoplastic method to stripe Meridian Rd. (Packerton Rd.) as a project, using funds from Local Road & Street, second by Darle, and passed. Larry said a GTE request to bury cable along the east side of CR 400 W for 900 ft. south of CR 900 N looks okay, so Commissioners signed approval. Commissioners won't respond to an 8/31 deadline to apply to the IN Dept. of Transportation (INDOT) for group 3 highway projects with federal help. INDOT also notified Commissioners by mail, that their request for gates and lights at the RR crossings on CR 500N, Urbana and CR 50 E, Treaty has been denied, unless the county is willing to close another crossing in the area. INDOT noted the average cost per crossing is \$150,000.

Tim Roberts, Sheriff: There are 95 in jail today. Lightning during the storm last Thursday knocked out about everything at the jail, and while things are working again, his radio communications system, a 1969 unit installed in the jail in 1979, needs replaced. There's interference from Lake Co., who uses the same frequency, and are so powerful they override our transmissions. He likes the system used by Wabash City police, and would prefer to use insurance money to replace rather than repair the old system. Tim will get some estimates. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor