

August 23, 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 8/16 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 the Treasurer's Monthly report for July. Learned the Smithsonian Institute gun, on loan to the county museum, and stolen several years ago, isn't covered by insurance. A separate endorsement is needed when a covered item doesn't belong to the county. Commissioners learned from Allstar Communications technicians who repair the courthouse phone system, that all replacement parts are now used and reconditioned, and they won't be able to repair a major problem in the future. Learned from Paul Bergman, Emergency Management director, that about 50 people attended a hazardous materials seminar last Wednesday, and there was a practice field test last Saturday. About 120 people attended the Mississinewa Dam informational meeting last Thursday. Darle moved approval for the Board of Health to request use of a balance carry over from the 1998 Health Maintenance fund to buy a microfilm reader/printer for their office, second by Les, and passed. The IN St. Dept. of Health has already approved the request, and the Co. Council will have final approval. Jane Skeans, health nurse, also asked Commissioners to consider putting county offices on the internet, as the St. Board of Health would like to communicate via E-mail with counties. Jane said the Co. Council directed her request at the budget hearings, to the Commissioners. The Auditor noted the St. Auditor's office had made the same request of her office. Heard from Co. Assessor, Kelly Schenkel, that she will open bids for the reassessment job on 9/13 at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, has reviewed her agreement, and his only concern was the lack of bonding requirements for the company to be hired. Kelly reports that in lieu of bonding, which is cost prohibitive for small companies, 20% will be withheld from each payment until the completed project has final approval. Current reassessment intervals are every 4 years, and due to the assessment method appeal, reassessment is getting a late start. Consequently, there isn't time to do the full blown process, so there will be two drive by reviews of each property, plus a review of the property record card between the visual assessments. Commissioners asked Kelly to add a requirement to the "specs", that assessor cars have identification signage. Darle moved to approve Pleasant View Subdivision along the east side of Ogden Rd. just south of St. Rd. 114, second by Les, and passed. There will be roof height and square footage requirements on the 4 lots platted by Linda and John Brothers of Gosspoint, Indiana. Commissioners urged Plan Commissioner, Chad Dilling, to make sure the subdivision access road is located for the greatest visibility moving on and off the county road.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Chip & Seal work is almost done, and they're grinding part of Old Rd. 24 (Hill St. extended) between Wabash & Lagro, in preparation for resurfacing it. Larry will talk with Jim Moore on CR 800 S about his culvert request after he gets the just completed site report from John Stephens. He hasn't talked with Kara Lyons of CR 100 N, who requested a speed limit or a children playing sign be posted due to increased traffic from the Rd. 24 E project. Reviewed two complaints, with pictures (one anonymous) of potential traffic hazard areas due to vegetation obstructing the view. Some of the areas in question were mowed last Friday.

Urbana Drainage Project: Les moved to appoint Brian Hauptert as the Commissioner representative, Ed Potts, as a county taxpayer and Terry Burnworth, as an industry representative to the 5 member Construction Wage Committee for the project. Second by Darle, and passed. A date needs set, and 48 hour public notice is required. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor