

September 13, 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 9/7 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the Benicomp monthly health insurance report and the Memorial Hall/Jail custodian hours. They noted the certified distribution for covered bridges for 1999 is \$1250. per bridge, and there are two in the county. Les moved to support an additional appropriation request of \$1,000. for E-911 account 412, to purchase a new 64 MB RAM base unit and "reflections" program for the Plan Commission office, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners signed the revised agreement with Bond Flex Rubber Co. that allows a two year encroachment variance in the Wayne Street right-of-way in Laketon. They agreed to the variance 8/30, but waited to sign until revisions indicated a two year limit. Les moved to take under advisement the only bid received for property reassessment, second by Darle, and passed. Accurate Assessments Inc. of Ft. Wayne bid \$429,500. for 19,800 parcels in the county. At about \$22. per parcel, the company proposes to make two visual trips to each property, along with a comparison of current records. The company has done land value work and new construction assessments in our county. The bid specifications require employees carry identification. County Assessor, Kelly Schenkel, noted we need to move with this project, that is already four months behind schedule due to a court appeal. After a talk with Joe Poffenberger, general manager of Triax Cablevision, Darle moved to sign Ordinance 1999-3, which grants a continuing 15 year non exclusive franchise agreement to Triax Midwest Associates L.P. for unincorporated areas near No. Manchester, second by Les, and passed. Commissioners also signed the "on-call" engineering services one year contract with Bernardin, Lochmueller & Associates. The language in Appendix "D" had been revised at the request of Commissioner's and their Attorney, Tom Mattern. The amount is not to exceed \$20,000.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Old Rd. 24 E (Hill St. ext.) should have the asphalt work completed today. CR 600 E in Liberty Twp. should be open later today after replacing bridge # 51, and the striping on Meridian Rd. is nearly done. Commissioners approved a road cut request from Jim Dyson on CR 775 W, about 200 ft. south of Elliott Road.

Tim Roberts, Sheriff: Reports 95 in jail today. He asked Commissioner support of his negotiations with our insurance carrier about replacement of his radio system destroyed by lightning last month. Tim fears the adjustor will press for the lower of two estimates, which Tim says, proposes a lower grade radio unit to replace the unit lost. He says our insurance is to cover actual replacement costs, and he wants the quality to stay constant. J & K Communications of Ft. Wayne, and ERS of Kokomo have submitted quotes. Commissioners and their attorney support Tim in his demand for like quality replacement.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor