

October 12, 1999

Wabash County Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all members present. Minutes of the 10/4 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the Jail/Memorial Hall custodian hours and the BENICOMP monthly report for September. They told the Co. Extension office to get three estimates for a new copy machine. The current machine has over 200,000 copies, is four years old, and beginning to need frequent repairs. Payment comes from the Commissioner budget as it's used by all basement offices. Lagro resident, Phil Dailey, commended the county highway department on their re-surfacing work on Old Rd. 24 E to Lagro. Darle moved to accept the Notice of Voting Places for the November election, second by Les, and passed. Co. Clerk, Jo Ann Hettmansperger asked Commissioners to pay a bill for computer cable installation for the Clerk's office and the courts. Les moved to approve payment of the \$340. bill from Network Cable Systems, from the Commissioner account, second by Darle, and passed. After reviewing an offer from Haywood Printing Company, Les moved to accept their offer to extend the current contract with the county thru 2000, second by Darle, and passed. This includes Class 1, 1B, 2C & 4 supplies. Tina Edwards, Chief Probation Officer, told Commissioners her staff is pleased with the proposed plans for their offices in the new justice building. Her only concern is after hours access to their offices by the public. She suggested a buzzer by the building entry. After reviewing a credit card application for the Probation Department, Darle moved approval to establish a department credit card to be used only for advance registration and hotel reservations for seminars, second by Les, and passed. Tina will be responsible for overseeing the discretionary use of the card.

Wabash County Council on Aging: Director Deb Schneider had quarterly reports for review and Commissioner signatures. She is seeing steady increases in the use of the public transportation. They're working on a more efficient destination schedule so they're not making many trips to the same place each day, and have found a potential new user group in the Manchester College freshmen who live on campus, and aren't allowed to have cars.

Courthouse Annex/ justice building: After Commissioners were assured by Tom Peterson with Ice Miller Donadio & Ryan, bond counsel for the project, that he understood the bond amount is not to exceed \$2,250,000., and indeed may be lower, Les moved approval to sign the two documents permitting the county to move forward with the project, second by Darle, and passed. They signed: In The Matter of Providing Funds For The Constructing Of An Addition To And The Renovation Of The Wabash County Courthouse Annex, and an Estimate And Request Of The Board Of Commissioners Of The County Of Wabash. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle Dawes

Lester D. Templin

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor