

February 28, 2000

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 2/22 meeting were approved as written, moved by Darle Dawes, second by Lester Templin, and carried. Les moved to re-appoint Max Reed as Wabash County Veterans Services officer thru 12/31/00, second by Darle, and passed. Shelly Neal asked Commissioner permission to place an artificial Christmas tree in the courthouse lobby for the week of April 9 thru 15, National Crime Victims Awareness week. For this 20th anniversary celebration, the theme is "Dare to Dream", and Shelly plans to have a ceremony for dignitaries to place their "dreams" on the tree. Commissioners agreed to allow Shelly to place a tree in the lobby for the week long celebration.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry reports the 2nd new GMC truck is in, and will go to Plymouth for outfitting. He will now have the old 1986 single axle truck being replaced plus a grader and roller that haven't been used in several years, that could be advertised for sale thru quotes, rather than selling them in the June surplus auction. Commissioners agreed that Larry should advertise them for sale "as is" and see what kind of quote's he gets. Larry will have information about the age and condition of his two mowers for next week, so Commissioners may decide whether to buy any new units this year. Larry says spring patch work would be a temporary fix for low spots on some roads in Laketon and other communities throughout the county, but a permanent resolution would be expensive and widespread. Larry says, weather permitting, Hank's Construction will get the box culvert replaced on Paw Paw bridge 21 on CR 700 W, soon. He will notify the media when the road will be closed for 1 or 2 days. Commissioners told Larry to get cost estimates for underseal work on the ridged areas on CR 300 E for about 1 mile south of Servia, as Marvia Wilcox was in to remind Commissioners he told them about it last year.

Tim Roberts, Sheriff: Had a written agreement, to replace a verbal one, between his department and REMC, for a Sheriff's department antenna that's placed on an REMC communications tower, and used by the 911 system. Since Tim needs to install a second antenna for his new repeater system, he wanted a written agreement. In exchange for using REMC equipment, the Sheriff's office will answer after hours calls for REMC. The fees for each party are the same, and thus negate any payments, for now. Commissioners and their attorney, Tom Mattern reviewed the document, then Les moved to sign the agreement between REMC and the Board of Commissioners, second by Darle, and passed. The agreement is effective until either party gives six month notice of desire to terminate. Tim also would like to add a new antenna at the jail, at the same time, to eliminate double installation costs. The jail antenna is to improve communications with Converse emergency services, who will provide a radio for the hook-up. This is to benefit residents in the southwest corner of Wabash County. Les moved to have both the jail and REMC antennas installed at the same time to cut costs, second by Darle, and passed. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor