

May 1, 2000

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Haupert, called the meeting to order with all members present. Minutes of the 4/24 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and carried. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket, the Payroll Check Register, and the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. They reviewed and signed the Annual Report of Congressional, Common School, and Permanent Endowment Fund for the year ending April 30, 2000. Les moved to support a request from Tina Edwards, Chief of Probation, for a new copy machine to be purchased from "adult user fee" funds, second by Darle, and passed. The machine, purchased from Smith Office Supply in Peru, costs \$6,295., and one year maintenance is an additional \$1,158. The yearly maintenance will come from her annual budget beginning in 2001. They learned from Vince Harrell, Co. Extension Agent, and Gary Masterson with GTE, they have found telephone line space for internet access for the extension office, as requested by Purdue University. Vince told Commissioners this service could be expanded to include all courthouse computer stations, for about \$5500. a year. Commissioners will consider the access for all, but approved installation for the extension office. Commissioners will decide by next Monday whether to assign the county's rights under their reinsurance policy issued by Lloyds London, to Benicomp Group, so they may file a lawsuit to obtain reimbursement for unpaid claims by county employees. Benicomp representative, Neil Ropp, says they've had claim satisfaction problems with several of their clients, and want to file this lawsuit (at their expense) on behalf of all their affected clients.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry reports the barricades closing the Carroll Street bridge were in place by 5:10 A.M. this morning. Larry says the county's contact at INDOT regarding the bridge replacement, was on vacation last week, so he has no update on a turn arrow for Columbus Street traffic turning north onto Wabash Street. He also reports the bridge inspection contract signed with Butler Fairmen & Seufert (BF&S) for 1998 inspections, included a two year reinspection of all county bridges. Crews are still mowing, but now the "95" mower has a clutch out. Larry will gather cost information for a new mower, for Commissioner review. Crews are spraying guardrails and painting headers. The next partnering meeting on new U.S. 24 E (all 5 sections) will be 5/10/00 in Huntington. Larry's department has repaired the broken tile across CR 1300 N, for safety reasons, at a cost of \$569.45 for material, equipment and labor. Commissioners want Larry to send a bill to Ousley's, the property owner, and suggest they ask other property owners' affected by the tile, to help pay the repair costs, moved by Les, second by Darle, and passed.

Justice building bid recommendations: Prince/Alexander (P/A) representatives Steve Alexander and Melissa Burnworth recommend 1. Campbell's Excavating for sitework and excavation (bid pkg. A) \$142,370. and concrete footings (C) not to exceed \$48,000.; 2. Minnick Masonry for masonry, limestone, granite (F1 & F2) with tower \$673,045.: 3. Dane Architectural for glass and glazing (I) \$98,600.: 4. Ft. Wayne Roofing & Sheet Metal for roofing (J) \$38,810.; 5. Tag Coatings for painting (M) \$58,200.; 6. Quality Electric for plumbing, mechanical & electrical (Q,R,S) \$892,360. After discussion, Les moved to accept the P/A recommendations for bid packages, second by Darle, and passed by all. These total \$1,951,385. and Alexander estimates the total bids will come in about \$47,115 under the estimated budget. Not included in these figures is an estimated \$150,000. for adding a basement for mechanical and storage purposes, which Alexander doesn't think will be needed once the move opens space in the courthouse. Les moved to rebid pre-cast concrete (E), as the lone bidder didn't meet all requirements, second by Darle, and passed by all. Les moved to authorize P/A to negotiate with contractors on unbid packages, second by Darle, and passed. These include: B. general construction, D. concrete slab systems, G metals, H. carpentry, K. metal studs/dry wall & acoustic ceilings, L. insulation and O. elevator system. P/A will present their completed negotiations to Commissioners for final approval. Les moved approval for "rough-in" work only, for a security system to be done by Quality Electric at a cost of \$8500., second by Darle, and carried. Jeff Stinson will be the site supervisor, and be around some after the site trailer arrives on 5/3, and daily after the 5/9 groundbreaking at noon. Job site meetings, to include Commissioners, will be the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 1:30 p.m. at the job trailer. Commissioners agreed to use Co. Surveyor, John Stephens, to do the building layout for construction. P/A will have to get variance approval, since the building is over 35 ft. high, before issuance of a building permit. They do have a local foundation permit to start construction, and state plan release has been granted. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Brian K. Haupert, Chairman

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Darle V. Dawes

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor