

July 24, 2000

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 7/17 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 Clerk's June Report and the Benicomp June Report. They learned the certified tax distributions for Wabash Co. for 2001 are: CEDIT - \$1,269,107. and CAGIT - \$4,698,411. Commissioners felt a request from the Wabash Co. Fire Chiefs Association for the establishment of permanent fire lanes at all county school buildings, would be a school policy matter over which they have no authority. In regards to the property tax abatement issue with R & B Properties, Bill Bradley has checked with other counties (mostly larger counties), and learned in some, Commissioners have set a policy that allows for a monetary penalty for late filings. The fine might deter future late filings, while still allowing the tax deduction.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: 32 miles of chip and seal completed. Larry checked with the state, and they say CR 1050 S/ America Rd. will be repaired when they're done hauling on it. Larry suggests since the Co. Council approved \$110,000. for new mowers, and the McKillip Equipment bids with trade-in were so favorable, the county could buy two side-mount units and the boom mower unit for \$119,732. He could add the additional \$9,732. from his capital outlay account to make up the difference. Darle said at the figures quoted, the county could get a second side-mount unit for about \$30,000. Les moved to buy two new side-mount mowers and one boom mower from McKillip for \$119,732. and trade in both the "92" and "95" mowers, second by Darle, and passed. Les moved to approve a request from Insight Communications to bore under the roads from the following list that are under Wabash Co. jurisdiction, second by Darle, and carried. Roads listed include: CR 300 N, CR 400 N, CR 1500 N, Angling Rd. and along St. Rd. 15 at intersections. Chad Dilling, Co. Plan Commissioner, reports he has received complaints about corn (planted only 17 1/2 ft. from the center of the road) obstructing visibility at Division Rd. and CR 700 W. He visited the area, and says the corn has been cut back some, but he's still getting calls. He says there are other areas in the county where crops are planted too close to the road. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

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Darle V. Dawes

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Lester D. Templin

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor