

October 16, 2000

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioner's conference room, with all members present. Minutes of the 10/10 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket, the Payroll Check Register and reviewed the Treasurer's September report. Les moved to approve the Notice of Voting Places for the November elections, second by Darle, and signed. They signed the 5311 Public Transportation grant contract, administered by the Wabash Co. Council on Aging, with Wabash Co. as the funds depository. Commissioners chose not to complete an application for a Wal-Mart business charge account, as there are late payment charges, and the county's monthly pay schedule might not coincide with their deadlines. After discussion and review of test scores and interviews with applicants, Commissioners selected Phillip Van Baalen, Miami Co. Weights and Measures director, as the new Wabash Co. Weights and Measures director, also, effective 10/23/00. Both positions are part-time, and Van Baalen has three years experience in the Miami Co. post. Commissioners asked resigning director, Debbi Ingersoll, to inventory and turn over her equipment by October 20th, her last day. Larry Rensberger, Roann Fire chief, presented a revised emergency response map for Paw Paw Twp. north of Roann, for Commissioner review. Wabash City Ambulance would respond to calls in the area from St. Rd. 16 north thru both sides of CR 800 N between St. Rd. 13 and the Wabash/Miami Co. line, except Life-Med would respond on St. Rd. 13 between CR 700 N and 800 N, CR 800 N to CR 300 W, CR 700 N to CR 200 W and CR 200 W between 700 & 800 N. Darle moved to support the plan and direct the Sheriff to update his computers with the new boundaries for emergency services responses, second by Les, and passed. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, updated on the R&B Properties "spec" building tax abatement issue. In a letter to City Attorney, Robert McCallen, they cited a lack of cooperation and response to their requests, indicating a lawsuit is forthcoming. The city would be the apparent defendant, but the county would likely be drawn in as a co-defendant. Tom talked with Bill Bradley last week and will talk with McCallen, too. The John Barshney vs Wabash Co. lawsuit filed in 1999 has been dismissed by the judge because Barshney didn't show for a hearing to proceed. Mattern presented a fire/radio antenna agreement between Wabash Co. and the Town of LaFontaine, for Commissioner approval. 911 equipment will be installed on the LaFontaine water tower for benefit to the entire county. The Sheriff hasn't indicated there are any stipulations missing from the copy Tom sent him to review. Les moved to sign the 10 year agreement, second by Darle, and passed. Les will deliver the agreement to the LaFontaine town board for their signatures.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry and Commissioners discussed the problem of widespread damage to county roads inflicted by farm equipment. The solution is to charge those who get caught with repair costs.

Prince/Alexander judicial building update: Tom Haste with P/A had the completed contract with Dick & Steve Minnick Construction for packages F-1 and F-2, along with their completed performance bond. Brian signed the contract. Haste reported on progress over the last 30 days and expectations for the next 30 days. Work is about 8 weeks behind schedule, due mostly to tardy steele delivery. He presented pay voucher #5 for Commissioner review. Les moved approval to pay as indicated, holding the Stephens Fabricating check until some contract change negotiations are resolved as recommended by P/A, second by Darle, and passed. 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