

May 14, 2001

Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 4/30 meeting were approved with the correction that the 2002 agreement with WEDCOR for \$45,000. from the county, isn't just for wages, but the county share to WEDCOR, moved by Brian Hauptert, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. The 5/7 minutes were approved as written, moved by Brian, second by Darle, and passed. To correct an error in the 4/23 minutes concerning no vote to re-appoint Paul Bergman as Emergency Management director, Brian moved to re-appoint Paul to the post thru 7/31/04, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. They set 6/22/01 at 4:00 P.M. as the tentative date for the annual surplus sale, if an auctioneer is available. Commissioners told custodian Ron Harris to put items displaced by the new HVAC system in the sale. Les reports the 911 equipment building at the LaFontaine water tower is finished, and looks good. After it's paid for, the county will turn it over to the Town of LaFontaine. Toby Steffan, Butler, Fairman & Seufert foreman on the Carroll St. bridge project updated on progress, and reported the depth of a force main in the Bent St./Vernon St. intersection is unknown and may need changed. Currently, they're building a median barrier wall to keep cliff rocks off the road and a retaining wall to keep them out of the river. June 7th is tentatively set to pour spans A,B and C. After discussion, Brian moved to request an additional \$22,500. at the June 4th Co. Council meeting, to increase the county support of an ambulance service for the area north of St. Rd. 16, second by Darle, and passed. This would increase the county share to \$100,000. for 2001, and is contingent upon an additional \$50,000. coming from No. Manchester entities. After telling Jeff Kellam and Rick Hahn with Kellam Contracting that money was tight, and there wouldn't be funds for change orders, Commissioners signed the contract with Kellam for the north steps and the west sidewalk and steps to the parking lot for a total of \$42,924. Kevin Lemming, President of the Lakeview Estates Homeowners Association, asked for Commissioner support in seeking grants (for up to 50% of the costs) thru the Indiana Rural Development Council, to help with the cost of connecting to the City of Wabash sewer system. Commissioners suggested he contact his state and federal legislators, too. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, has sent a letter to R. & B. Properties, LLP attorney Charles Bash, indicating, the county doesn't think extending the interest payments on the "spec" building in the industrial park is in the county's best interest, and so declines to pay an additional six months, thru December 2001. Commissioners advised Brenda Hurlock of Lagro to take her alley dispute with a neighbor to the Lagro Town Board, since Lagro is incorporated.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: The asphalt work on Durnbaugh Rd. is done, they're doing berm work today. There's already minor damage to the road, and the consensus is that the responsible party should be held accountable, if there's future damage. CR 700 W, just built up, now has berm. Old Rd. 24 W was striped last week and finish up should be completed this week. Since there was no response to a letter sent to Laketon residents near the school, Larry will trim foliage for safety. Larry has found plans for bridges # 13 on Mississinewa Rd. and # 28 at Laketon, that will help with rehabilitation costs. During a field check of # 28 last week, they found a great deal of new debris that has caused minor scour damage. Hank's Excavating cleared it last Friday. Upon Larry's recommendation, Commissioners signed five phone utility requests to bury cable and/or bore under roads. VERIZON: (1) bore under CR 1100 N near Singer Rd. (2) lay 300 ft. of cable along CR 400 E, 1/2 mile north of CR 1100 N., deleting overhead lines. SPRINT: (1) CR 400 N from CR 200 W, heading east for 1525 ft. (2) CR 400 N from the railroad crossing east of St. Rd. 13, going east 10,930 ft. (3) CR 200 W from CR 300 N, north 4250 ft., all boring under intersections.

Judicial Building: Pyramid representative, Terry Burnworth, said a stop work order issued by building inspector, Ron Bussard, hasn't halted progress. Most requests pertain to areas not being worked on at present. Les signed previously approved contracts with Eclipse Masonry for \$307,000. for masonry work, and Liniger Co., Inc. for \$85,330. for sprinkler system work inside the building. Up to \$30,000. in additional funds, will be needed for outside sprinkler system work. Terry reviewed pay application # 12 and says the payment of \$26,246.50 to Abell Elevator should be contingent upon work being completed by the time checks are issued. Brian moved approve pay # 12, with Abell contingency, second by Darle, and passed. Terry and Commissioners reviewed a report of pending required expenses, and Brian moved to request an additional \$110,000. to meet the requirements, second by Darle, and passed. Brian reports Judges Vanderpool and Sposeep have agreed to contribute \$90,000. from their incentive funds to pay for a security system for the building, but won't contribute to the cost of installing a dumbwaiter. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Hauptert

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor