

July 2, 2001

Wabash County Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 6/25 meeting were approved with a correction, moved by Brian Hauptert, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Construction costs for the 911 equipment building at the LaFontaine water tower will be paid from 911 funds not county funds. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Accounts Payable Voucher Register, the annual \$1,000. contract with the State Board of Animal Health for Bovine Brucellosis and Tuberculosis eradication, and the Emergency Management quarterly report. They reviewed the Jail/Memorial Hall custodian hours, and accepted the 2002 budget for the Convention and Visitors Bureau presented by director, Trula Frank. The requested \$91,000. budget is funded by the 5% Innkeepers Tax. Increased advertising last year paid off, according to Trula, and the bureau contributes \$200. per day to county festivals. Her next project is county maps, including incorporated towns, and she will look into getting a map on her web page. Commissioners support the Board of Health 2002 budget request to deputize their full time clerical worker. She currently has all employee benefits, and this would put her wages in line with other deputies. Brian will notify Wilburn Spicer that he has Commissioner approval to hold a wedding on the Roann Covered Bridge on 9/22/01. Based upon a written request for public safety measures, from the Pleasant Township Board, Commissioners will ask the Sheriff to get a second estimate to install security fencing around the communications tower near Laketon. J & K Communications estimates \$1700. would cover material and installation of fencing to limit access to the tower. Brian moved to approve adding amendment # 17, the Handy Andy drain project, to the current CEDIT 3 year plan, second by Darle, and passed. Wedcor director, Bill Bradley, presented the amendment, and is working on a new 3 year plan effective in 2002. The county and LaFontaine will each pay \$ 5650. from their CEDIT funds, toward the drain that will benefit the town and nearby county roads. Toby Steffan, with Butler, Fairman & Seufert (BF&S), site foreman on the Carroll Street bridge project, reports the sanitary sewer force main at the top of the hill, on Bent St. must be replaced before any road work is completed. The force main wasn't placed deep enough when it was installed four years ago. Commissioners will meet with Mayor Copeland on the matter next Monday at 10:00 A.M. Bridge work should be completed in about 2 weeks, and Toby will likely issue a purchase order with the state this week, for an additional \$100,000. for project completion. Commissioners offered Jack Weekley, Old Rd. 15 S, \$2400. in compensation for the possible loss of his stone wall during upcoming road construction. The wall encroaches the road right-of-way (R/W), but isn't within the construction zone. They got estimates of \$2400. from Faust Masonry and \$3900. from Greg Moore to replace the wall, and Mr. Weekley accepted the low estimate, plus the R/W acquisition settlement of \$100.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept: Lagro Township bridge # 10 on CR 400 N is fixed and the road is open. Water will stand under the bridge until the creek is dredged, as needed. Brian moved to sign an agreement with BF&S, for phase II engineering services in connection with the rehabilitation of bridge # 13 over the Mississinewa River, second by Darle, and passed. The contract fee is \$47,000. The inspection report and survey portion of phase I are completed, but the design portion isn't. Larry learned bid letting on bridge # 13 on Mississinewa Road won't be until 2004. Since CR 950 S will be a detour road during the construction, BF&S will seek approval to include chip and seal work on it as part of the project. After discussion, Brian moved to place a 45 mile an hour speed limit on CR 300 W from CR 950 S to Dept. of Natural Resources property, second by Darle, and passed. Larry will get Requests for Proposals sent, since bridge inspections are required in 2002. Larry and the Commissioners will look into writing an ordinance with a penalty for non compliance on drainage needs. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, will write a letter to two Somerset residents reminding them of their drainage responsibilities, as Larry has sent two letters without success.

At 1:00 p.m., Brian moved to close the bidding on the sale of county owned properties. 20 properties were offered, with no bids on (1) parcel 096, part of the NW 1/4 of 12-27-6 in Wabash, (2) on parcel 085 in Twin Lakes Estates, Unit 2, lt. 24 in blk. 2, (3) parcel 103 in Sandy Beach Estates, Section 2, lt. 395 in blk. C. and (4) parcel 034 being lt. 103 in Somerset Add. in Waltz Twp. Properties sold include: (1) parcel 086 being Pt. of the SE 1/4 of 11-27-6 and Pt. of lt. 1 in W.S. Stitts Add. to Wabash, sold to Lee and Linda Howard for \$1500., after Larry Strickler withdrew his bid, moved by Brian, second by Darle, and passed: (2) parcel 014 being lt. 346 in the Board of Trade Add. to Wabash, purchased by Charles Sluss for \$150., moved by Darle, second by Brian, and passed: (3) parcel 091 being pt. of lt. 15 in Bents Add. to Wabash, purchased by Russell Ross for \$100., moved by Brian, second by Darle, and passed: (4) parcels 043 and 063 being pt. of the Canal in Lagro and under the street, awarded to the Town of Lagro for \$5.00 each, moved by Brian, second by Darle, and passed: (5) parcel 005 being Pt. of the Fr W 1/2 of 31-27-6 with .50 acre in Noble Twp., Tim Forbes bid \$150., Junior Forbes bid \$100. and Brenda Oswald bid \$100., Oswald raised her bid to \$151. and with no further bids, Darle moved to accept the Oswald high bid, second by Brian, and passed: (6) parcel 072 being Twin Lakes Est., Unit 1, lt 5 in blk. 4 and parcel 021 being lt 12 in blk. 8 of Unit 1, were sold to Paul Purvis for \$150. each, moved by Brian, second by Darle, and passed: (7) parcel 048 being Twin Lakes Est., Unit 1, lt. 7 in blk. 6 was bought by Daniel Stanton, Sr. for \$100., moved by Darle, second by Brian, and passed: (8) parcel 038 in Twin Lakes Est., Unit 2, lt.4 in blk. 4 and parcel 037 being lt. 19 in blk 4 of Unit 2, were purchased by Russell Cox for \$100. each, with Dan Stanton bidding \$25. for each lot: (9) parcel 027 being Twin Lakes Est. Unit 2, lt. 14 in blk 4, parcel 029 being lt. 15 in blk 4, parcel 005 being lt 14 in blk 5 and parcel 009 being lt 16 in blk 5 were all purchased by Russell Cox, the only bidder, for \$100. each. Darle moved to accept all the Cox bids, second by Brian, and passed: (10) parcel 051 being lt. 104 in Somerset Add. in Waltz Twp. bought by Mark Stefanatos for \$255. after Larry Strickler didn't increase his bid of \$250., acceptance moved by Darle, second by Brian, and passed. Stefanatos originally bid \$100. for the property. The Auditor will get deeds to all purchasers for them to process With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Hauptert

ATTEST:

Carol Stefanatos, Auditor