

August 6, 2001

Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with Brian Hauptert absent due to illness. Minutes of the 7/30 meeting were approved as written, moved by Darle Dawes, second by Les, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim and Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. They reviewed the July Financial Report and the Jail/Memorial Hall custodian hours. Darle moved to approve payment of a \$2,161.84 bill from J. & K Communications, second by Les, and passed. For lightning damage to the Laketon tower 6/11, payment will come from E-911 funds. Sheriff Roberts notified the insurance company, but the deductible is \$5,000. Darle will ask a representative from United Acquisitions Services, to meet with Commissioners about their request to place a tower at the county highway property. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, says the contract would need fine tuned before he would recommend Commissioners sign. Les asked Tom to get started on condemnation proceedings for the Old State Rd. 15 S project. Chris Martin, Executive director of Wabash Marketplace, and representing the Wabash and North Manchester Chambers of Commerce, asked Commissioner support of the Making Academics Count (MAC) program, conceived by the National Association of Businesses. The MAC program falls under the Community Alliance to Promote Education (CAPE) umbrella, funded last year by a five million dollar grant from the Lilly Foundation. The program seeks to encourage students to apply themselves in school, attend regularly, and finish high school. Chris will encourage local businesses to require high school transcripts from prospective employees. Though both Les and Darle hope the goal of this program won't put extra pressure on marginal students, Darle moved to support the program, second by Les, and passed. Chris will keep Commissioners updated on progress. Mary Ashba, with the Council on Aging, presented the 5311 Public Transportation grant application for 2002 for Commissioner review. Les and Tom Mattern signed, as needed. Upon the recommendation of Plan Commissioner, Chad Dilling, Commissioners approved and signed the plat of Hanging Rock Addition, to be located in Reserve 14, Township 28 and Range 7. Already approved by the Plan Commission, the ground belongs to Bob Swan.

County Highway Dept.: Larry Rice reports 54.3 miles of chip and seal work is completed. The heat and humidity slows down the curing process, and some damage from heavy vehicles on the road too soon has occurred. Also, loose stone is bleeding thru and collecting in some areas. Darle suggested Larry consider using a broom to sweep away the excess stone, and Larry will give it a test, but not until the road is well cured. Larry was notified by Mike Scime that the grant application for funds to install STOP signs at rural railroad crossings has been approved for 2002. Larry thinks a request from SPRINT to bury cable on CR 300 N from State Rd. 13, east for 318 feet, looks okay, so Commissioners signed approval. Toby will personally repair and paint the plaque from the old bridge and mount it on the northwest corner of the new bridge, along with it's plaque.

Carroll Street Bridge: Toby Steffan, with Butler, Fairman & Seufert, reports they will pour approach pads this week, weather permitting, and he thinks the project will be completed by mid to late September. He presented Change Order # 4 in the amount of \$18,361., for Indiana American Water Co. to lower water lines at the Bent Street intersection. The county would initially pay, and be reimbursed for the entire amount by the water company. Darle moved to approve the change order, second by Les, and passed. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Hauptert

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor