

February 4, 2002

Wabash County Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 1/28 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 the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. They reviewed the January Financial Report. Les moved to approve the bond for Co. Coroner, Marilyn McDonald, second by Darle, and passed. Brian signed the bond. Upon the recommendation of Shirley Minnick, chairman of the committee to select a director for the Wabash County Emergency Management Association, Les moved to appoint Robert Brown to the post for 2002, second by Darle, and passed. Shirley said two applications were received for the post. County Treasurer, Lu Ann Layman, asked Commissioners to amend the minutes of the January Board of Finance meeting, to include a list of checks issued by the county two or more years ago, that have never been cashed. She is stopping payment on them. Brian moved to approve the addition to the minutes, second by Darle, and passed. Lu Ann also noted the courthouse will need a thorough cleaning after the heating/cooling system is installed. Contractors aren't cleaning offices after cutting holes for the new system. Clerk, JoAnn Hettmansperger, will see if there's space at the jail for her to program voting machines for the May primary. The machines are being stored there during the building project, and she hopes to relocate them to the judicial building, after the primary.

CR 1450 N: Norman and Laura Gable and Roger and Kathryn Presl told Commissioners locating their homes has been an ongoing problem since 911 addresses were designated. Gable talked with 3 people at the Sheriff's department at the time, and they agreed there was a problem, but nothing was ever done. The situation worsened with the enhanced 911 system. Because their road angles, it is signed as CR 1425 N at St Rd. 13 N, and CR 1450 N where it intersects CR 200 E. In the last 18 months, on two separate incidents, an ambulance and a policeman have missed the turn from St. Rd. 13, because the sign indicates CR 1425, and they were responding to calls from the Gables on CR 1450 N. The group presented a petition signed by neighbors, asking the Commissioners to either place another road sign at the intersection with St. Rd. 13, or add to the existing sign, so their 911 addresses match with the road sign. Plan Commissioner, Chad Dilling, says the road could be called by its historical name of Eagle Road, and Larry Rice, Co. Highway Supervisor, agrees. His men know the roads both by names and 911 addresses. Sheriff, Tim Roberts, doesn't want two roads, 1/4 mile apart on St. Rd. 13, labeled as CR 1450 N, as that's confusing to personnel responding to an emergency call, and his people are number oriented. Sheriff Roberts also said his dispatchers are often so busy fielding multiple calls, it's difficult to pull up a map to direct the responder. Les says there's no easy solution, and many counties struggle with this issue. He moved to take the matter under advisement to study the most workable decision, second by Darle, and passed.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: They took delivery on the bridge truck, cab and chassis, which cost \$18,650. of the \$24,395. encumbered for the purchase. Larry says he could buy a new flat bed to install for \$1336. This would be the third move for the flat bed on the old truck. Larry said the old truck might sell for more with the flat bed intact. Darle moved to approve the purchase, second by Les, and passed. Since one quote for a new shop truck expires on 2/13, Larry will ask if they will extend the quote, since Council won't act on the additional appropriation request until 2/25. Regarding the Commissioners plan to re-close roads that were improperly closed in 1989, Larry has notices ready for Pleasant Township property owners adjacent to proposed closures. Commissioners set a hearing for 3/4/02 at 1:30 P.M. to address the proposed closures in Pleasant Township. Larry will send the notices and publish a legal notice.

Judicial Building: Mike Murphy with Pyramid, says contractors have assured him work will be done by the end of this week, and he promises the building will be cleaned. Premier Services is doing some extra cleaning. Both courts have cleared their calendars for Feb. 13th thru 15th for the move. JoAnn Hettmansperger, received approval from Commissioners to close her office those same three days for her move. JoAnn will put a notice in area newspapers. Commissioners will arrange for inmates to help with the move, and Murphy says Jeff Stinson could help coordinate the move. Stinson's work schedule will be cut to Monday thru Wednesday, beginning next week. Mike says carpeting will be installed in the Clerk's office by Tuesday evening, then base moulding will be installed in the Clerk's office and completed on the second floor. The stairway between the 2nd and 3rd floors is finished. Verizon notified the Auditor that the 56K line for the Probation dept./ Clerk office link-up was installed 1/30. Mike says J.G. Bowers hasn't been fully compensated for casework. Since payment will come from M & W Construction retainage funds, he will apprise M & W's attorney of plans to release some of their retainage. Mike says he has a punch list with about 350 items that need attention before final approval, and he encouraged Commissioners to list their concerns, too. Commissioners reminded top soil needs added around the sprinkler system equipment on the north side of Memorial Hall. Mike says the Clerk needs a small safe for her office, and Commissioners said payment should come from the project fund, if possible. Mike will work with JoAnn to get an appropriate safe. Commissioners again reviewed and compared the two quotes for cleaning services for the judicial building and Memorial Hall basement. MJV, formerly Econoclean, quoted \$1920. monthly for 5 days a week service, while The Betty Temple Company quoted \$2150. a month for 5 days a week. MJV quoted \$1390. per month, for 3 days a week and Temple quoted \$1350. a month for 3 days a week. The Temple proposal is for a two year contract and the MJV proposal has a 30 day (notice) out clause. Each quote detailed services performed on a weekly basis, with the Temple quote indicating an extra charge for anything beyond the weekly tasks. MJV included quarterly, semi-annual and annual tasks within their quoted fees. Les moved to select MJV to clean the judicial building and Memorial Hall basement 3 days a week, understanding the county may exercise the 30 day out clause at any time, second by Darle, and passed. The Auditor will submit a request for an additional appropriation to the Memorial Hall budget for the cleaning services. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor