

February 11, 2002

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with Darle Dawes absent. Minutes of the 2/4 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Brian, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the Jail/Memorial Hall custodian hours. They approved and signed the recommended appointment of Bob Brown as Emergency Management director, effective 3/1/02. Bob says a HAZMAT training event comes up in May, and thanked Larry Rice for his planning cooperation. Bob is looking for crowd photo's from the 4-H fairgrounds in both the arena and midway areas. Les moved to approve an interlocal agreement between the county and the Wabash County Solid Waste District, second by Brian, and passed. Since Wells Fargo Bank has agreed that a loan to complete the judicial building may be drawn on, as needed, instead of borrowed in a lump sum, Les moved to request Wells Fargo to proceed with the loan process, second by Brian, and passed. Marlin Fingerle was present to monitor the meeting on behalf of Celia Shankster. In answer to his question, Commissioners told him they would announce their decision next meeting, but won't hold a public discussion. James Heck and Roger Ford, representing MJV Janitorial Services, presented a one year contract for cleaning services at the judicial building and Memorial Hall basement, for Commissioner review. It has a 30 day notice, out clause, and Heck agreed to delete the 1 and 1/2% interest charge on late fees. He will also add a section indicating all his employees working in the building must have a background security check. He will get a revised contract for Commissioner signatures. The contract becomes effective 2/18, and service will be provided on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, with two workers, likely arriving about 6:00 P.M. They will provide Security officer, Jon McDonald, with a list of workers promptly. MJV will need a storage area and a mop sink, plus shelves that hold up to 200 pounds. Commissioners asked MJV to purchase the shelves and bill the county, at an estimated \$60.00. Commissioners asked MJV to buy supplies, and bill the county, as they get a quantity discount rate. MJV thanked Commissioners for the opportunity to be of service, and Commissioners asked MJV for an estimate for a one time cleaning of the courthouse, once the construction work is completed. Keri Reece and Skip Daughtry with Beauchamp & McSpadden Insurance received permission to quote health insurance rates for county employees. since renewal time is looming. Les says cost and service are the highest priorities. They advise Benicomp, our current carrier, should have a new proposal 35 days before renewal. Andre' Chionh and Larry Early, with Kone Elevator, told Commissioners their maintenance service is now based on rotating tasks, rather than monthly service. Kone maintains the courthouse elevator, and Commissioners are not happy with recent service. The contract dates back to 1994, and renews every 5 years. Commissioners asked for a new contract proposal, and Andre' says he may not be able to provide that, since we're under a 5 year contract. County Assessor, Kelly Schenkel, told Commissioners the reassessment process has turned up 4 hog buildings that hadn't been assessed, because the county is lax in enforcing building permits. Both N. Manchester and Wabash are good about enforcement, and township trustees have appealed to the Plan Commission Board to require building permits in the county, but haven't had any success. This isn't fair to property owners who are assessed.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept: Larry presented the 2001 annual report for signatures. He will provide copies once the state has approved the report. Les moved to accept the annual report, second by Brian, and passed. Larry says the Soil & Water Conservation District has plans to work on the water situation affecting CR 100 S, later this spring. Commissioners told Larry to get written confirmation that Soil & Water will do their work before the county proceeds with it's portion of the project. A request from Verizon to bury cable along CR 250 W was tabled until next week. Larry says the quote for a new shop truck will extend beyond their original deadline of 2/13, since Council won't hear the additional appropriation request until 2/25. His employees asked him to remind Commissioners they haven't addressed a petition to add a vacation week in lieu of no wage increase this year. They petitioned for two weeks vacation after one year of service.

Tom Mattern, Commissioner Attorney, presented Ordinance 2002-II. It prohibits commercial truck travel on several county roads during construction work on St. Rd. 13 S. Signs will be posted at: (1) Slocum Trail for eastbound traffic from St. Rd. 13, (2) Slocum Trail for eastbound traffic from CR 100 W, (3) Old St. Rd. 13 for northbound traffic from St. Rd. 13, (4) Slocum Trail for northbound traffic at CR 1200 S, (5) CR 1200 S for westbound traffic at Slocum Trail, (6) CR 1200 S for westbound traffic at CR 100 W, (7) CR 1200 S for eastbound traffic at CR 100 W and (8) CR 1200 S for eastbound traffic at St. Rd. 13. Commissioners signed the already approved ordinance, and the Auditor will publish it. Tom says response time for the Stephens Fabrication lawsuit is about up. Brian says Barnes and Thornburg will file for another extension. Tom says the federal lawsuit of sexual discrimination filed by a former county inmate, may be dismissed, as the plaintiff hasn't filed for an extension. The judge could grant the plaintiff more time, since he was injured in an accident. Tom says he reviewed the Indiana Deferred Compensation plan agreement with the county. It looks okay, but the Auditor has to complete some blanks. Les moved to approve the agreement, second by Brian, and passed. Brian signed the form.

Judicial Building: Mike Murphy with Pyramid, reports Simplex could monitor the fire system for \$380. a year. They would use two phone links, and piggy back onto existing lines. A card to connect to the Sheriff's department for surveillance of the system, would require a dedicated phone line at \$40. per month plus a \$43. activation fee. The dumbwaiter controls are being moved as required by the state inspector. Security guards want a lock on the outside of the holding cell, even though there's no handle on the inside. Mike will negotiate to suit their needs. Security training will be Friday, and telephone training on Wednesday. The hallway benches should arrive the first week of March. Dane Architecture will replace windows as needed on Thursday, and will be told to clean all the windows. Mike will have a price for a safe for the Clerk's office next week, but they can move her old one for temporary use. Rhoads Window Shop presented a quote of \$4,944.80 plus \$300. for installation of blinds at 20 windows. Les moved to approve the \$5,244.80 quote for the 20 additional window coverings, second by Brian, and passed. Mike says M & W Construction has agreed their retainage funds may be used to pay J. G. Bowers Co. for the casework they ordered for the project. There will still be \$1500. due J. G. Bowers, and the county has legal recourse against M & W, since they breached their contract. Commissioners will notify M & W they will turn the matter over to the county prosecutor, if they don't pay the balance due J. G. Bowers, as the county has already paid M & W for the casework. Commissioners don't want to hold a building dedication until the landscaping and paving are completed this spring. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor