

March 4, 2002

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 2/25 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 February Financial Report. Commissioners studied a quote from MJV Group for floor mats in the Judicial Center. Darle moved to approve the purchase from MJV of one 4x6 ft. outside entrance runner at \$66.24, one 6x10 ft. cross-over mat inside the main entry at \$216.00, and one 4x5 ft. no-slip mat for the elevator at \$113.60. All will be charcoal in color, and Les seconded the motion, which passed. Commissioners designated payment of the \$395.84 will come from building project funds. They also took under advisement, for now, a one time cleaning quote for the courthouse of \$1640.00. With construction incomplete in the building, it's not ready for cleaning. Les moved to renew the contract with Maximus (formerly DMG Maximus) for accounting services and preparing the annual cost allocation plan for Wabash County. Second by Darle, and passed, the contract is for a three year period of 2002 thru 2004. The plan enables reimbursement of administrative costs for many programs, with fees limited to 50% or less of the amount recovered. In response to notice of a 3.34% increase for Kone Elevator/ Escalator service of the courthouse elevator, effective 4/1/02, Commissioners asked their attorney to send a letter to Kone requesting release from the contract due to failure to perform scheduled maintenance. Robert Bolsover, River Road, told Commissioners of a water problem around his home, and joined Commissioners for their drainage board meeting. County Assessor, Kelly Schenkel, presented the revised contract with Manatron for conversion from an R based to a SQL server, for reassessment. Commissioners signed the contract for \$11,000. and payment will come from Kelly's reassessment funds. Kelly also reported the state has notified her to delay sending personal property notices, as the legislature is discussing rescinding the new Personal Property Manual. The legislative session is due to end on March 14th.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept: Reports Ft. Wayne INDOT will place signs on St. Rd. 13 N prior to the intersection at Liberty Mills, to indicate both CR 1425 N and CR 1450 N. Larry will advise Commissioners when it's been installed. Larry has talked with Joe Updike at Soil & Water Conservation, and everything is a go for work to improve water problems on CR 100 S, Larry just doesn't have a work date commitment yet. White's Family Services has asked for striping on CR 50 E, in an attempt to slow traffic that runs thru their facility. Larry says the posted 30 mph speed limit is abused, mostly by youth enroute to school. Consensus is that increased law enforcement should be attempted first. Larry says due to snow cover, he hasn't shot a sight at the Phil Shellhamer property, but should get it done this week with improved weather. He had a notice from the U.S. Dept, of Transportation regarding an Historic Bridge program. It could provide federal funds up to nearly 100%. for restoration projects, once Commissioners have provided a plan for review. Commissioners set April 15th at 1:30 for hearings to close various roads in Noble Township. Larry will notify adjacent property owners by certified mail and do required advertising.

Tom Mattern, Commissioner Attorney: Has reviewed the contract with Intelenet for long distance phone service. It allows the county to piggy back the state agreement. Tom says it's just like our prior contract with them, offering a one to five year agreement option with all terms in favor of Intelenet. Les moved to sign for a twelve month period, second by Darle, and passed. Tom reviewed a contract between the county and MD Wessler Associates, as project engineers for a study of Servia water needs. The county is the "owner" in the contract, and Tom has concerns about some of the owners' responsibilities. Tom will talk with Sara Reyman, who coordinates the project for Rural Communities Assistance Program, asking her to meet with Commissioners to clarify the contract before the county signs. As part of the agreement, the county commits \$3,000. in CEDIT funds as local share of a \$30,000. grant.

Pleasant Township Road Closing hearing: None of the roads have been maintained for more than twenty years, and no dissenters were present. (1) CR 650 W starting at CR 1050 N and moves southerly for 2100 feet. Darle moved approval to close the road, second by Les, and passed. (2) CR 750 W starts at CR 1300 N and moves south to St. Rd. 114, it borders the west side of Twin Lakes Estates and covers about one mile. Les moved to close the road, second by Darle, and passed. (3) CR 1300 N starts at Bonestead Rd. and proceeds west for 3,750 feet to CR 700 W. Les moved to close the road, second by Darle, and passed. (4) CR 1460 N, proceeding west from CR 300 W for about 1 mile to CR 400 W.. Darle moved to close the road, second by Les, and passed. (5) CR 850 N beginning at CR 500 W (ST. Rd. 15), the proceeding west for about one mile to CR 600 W. Les moved to close the road, second by Darle, and passed. (6) CR 450 W commencing at CR 1300 N, then moving north for about one mile to CR 1400 N. Darle moved to close the road, second by Les, and passed. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor