

April 8, 2002

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 4/1 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed an elevator maintenance proposal for the judicial center elevator (\$1,990.44 per year), and an invoice for one year maintenance on the courthouse elevator (\$1,902.24). The Auditor will ask both Kone Elevator (courthouse) and Abell Elevator representatives to meet with Commissioners before they accept either offer. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, says Judge Vanderpool has scheduled a pre-trial conference to set a trial date for the Old Rd. 15 S eminent domain appraisal exception hearing. Tom also requested a list of experienced right-of-way (R/W) appraisers from Jim Hamilton with Butler, Fairman & Seufert Engineering. Tom will likely need to depose the three initial appraisers at an approximate cost of \$300. per deposition. Mattern also reports a sexual discrimination suit filed in federal court by a former jail inmate has been dismissed. Wabash Co. was one of several defendants. Emergency Management director, Bob Brown, presented his second quarter report for Commissioner review and signature. Bob has met his training requirements for the year, but will likely have more. Morale is high among the volunteers, and almost all slots are filled. The tabletop seminar on terrorism elements is set for 5/10 at 8:00 A.M. at the Honeywell Center, and a minimum of one Commissioner and the Auditor should participate. Commissioners discussed a recent request from the Sheriff's department and the Dept. of Natural Resources to allow licensed, off road vehicles to travel on public roadways. Les and Tom said they have both heard opposition to allowing 4-wheelers on the roads, and Darle said he hadn't had any negative comments. County Agent, Vince Harrell, told Commissioners the fan on the new heating/cooling system in the courthouse is so loud that he can't talk on the phone when it's running. Installers have indicated insulation on the inside of the duct work is the only solution. Commissioners will talk with Carl Denman, the HVAC architect. Commissioners reviewed an agreement with WTH Engineering to update the 911 system to accept and locate cell phone calls. They want to talk with 911 director, Sandy Beeks, before they sign. After discussion, Les moved to amend the county's non-smoking ordinance, to include all county facilities, second by Darle, and passed. Mr. Mattern will prepare the document.

County Highway Dept.: At 9:00 A.M. Phil Amones, Highway assistant supervisor, and Steve Johnson, Solid Waste District director, conducted a hearing regarding plans to apply for a grant to buy a second chipper/shredder for the highway department. No opposition has been received from the public, or in response to the required certified notices. Les moved to approve Resolution 2002 - III, a notice to proceed with the grant application, second by Darle, and passed. The Auditor signed a notice indicating sufficient funds are available in the highway budget to cover the local match. Johnson will help highway personnel complete the application to meet the 4/30 deadline. Amones says a request from Verizon to bury cable, beginning at 98 N 150 W and proceeding west on Division Rd. to 2325 W Division Rd., looks okay. Commissioners signed approval. Commissioners set 5/13/02 at 9:30 A.M. as the deadline to accept bids for two tandem axle dump trucks and equipment. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor