

April 22, 2002

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order with all members present. Minutes of the 4/15 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket, and the Payroll Check Register. Commissioners reviewed the Weights and Measures monthly report and reviewed the insurance appraisal report for the Judicial Center/Memorial Hall building. Commissioners approved a request from Prosecutor, Alfred Plummer for his employees to attend a IV-D conference in Indianapolis May 28th thru 31st, at a cost of \$530.40. Plummer is to ascertain a September conference is mandatory, before Commissioners approve \$2,480. for that meeting. Andre' Chionh and Larry Early with Kone Elevator, report the county must honor the terms of the current maintenance contract thru March 2004, or be responsible for damages for breach of contract. At contract renewal time, Kone would be amenable to a one year renewable contract. Early noted the contract calls for regular and systematic maintenance which apparently is working, since the county has only called for service once in the last two years. Andre' said quarterly or semi-annual (rather than annual) payments for maintenance, would be available upon written request from the county. Deb Schneider, Wabash Co. Council on Aging, presented the Public Transit Sect. 18, 1st quarter report, which Commissioners reviewed and signed. She says there were 4,292 units of service and 40,000 miles driven during the quarter, both figures up from the same time last year. Deb also reports Area Five funding cuts will affect things locally. They're cutting personnel and hours, effective 5/1/02. Todd Titus and Trula Frank, representing the Paradise Springs Board, told Commissioners Wabash Co. is the only county without representation on the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission, and hope Commissioners will appoint someone soon. Titus said he would look for a candidate or consider accepting the appointment himself. Former board member, Bob Elrod, had suggested Titus as his replacement. Jon Ogle with SRI Inc., told Commissioners his firm has contracted with Iron Mountain Company to provide secure off-site record storage of county records. There's a facility in Ft. Wayne and a storage minimum of 250 cubic feet. Commissioners chose not to sign a \$350. preventive maintenance agreement with The Tower Clock Company to service the courthouse clock. Commissioners signed an addendum to the Manatron, Inc. Software License Agreement for Assessment Software, now required by the Dept. of Local Government Finance. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, presented Ordinance 2002-3, which abolishes smoking inside all county buildings, thus replacing a 1989 ordinance that didn't include the Jail or Judicial Center. The ordinance carries a Class C penalty for a violation. Les told Tom he learned the professional witness appraisers would charge about \$100. per hour for their services. Commissioners will contact Paul R. Deem, Sr. of Paul R. Deem & Associates and Bruce S. Grimes with Will L Stump & Associates. Tom also wants an INDOT representative to explain their method for determining right-of-way (R/W) value. The Auditor reported Karen Wolfe, with the U.S. Post Office, says they need to change the delivery method in the courthouse, either by addressing each office separately or having one drop off site for all departments. Separate addresses would allow the mail to be sorted by machine, thus saving the carrier time. With a central drop off, the mail would be sorted in house. Commissioners are opposed to addressing each office, feeling one building should have one address, so would prefer the central delivery. The Auditor will notify the post office of the Commissioner preference.

County Highway Dept., Phil Amones: He's had two requests to widen intersections, one at CR 200 W and CR 900 N, and the other on CR 1000 N west of Laketon. For farm equipment access, both would be big projects, as drainage would have to be altered. Commissioners didn't act on the requests. Phil says Troyer Road is complete, except for a turn around on Todd Rager property. Tom Mattern says Rager could grant a perpetual easement, rather than deeding ground to the county, if that's preferred. The alley in Laketon is opened. Phil says a SPRINT request to bury cable on CR 200 E from St. Rd. 15 N for 1200 ft. looks okay. Also a request from NIPSCO to bury a gas line along CR 500 W for about 417 ft. south from Division Road. Commissioners signed both requests. Chad Dilling, asked if property owners along Lukens Lake Road (CR 1000 N) in Laketon, could dig to check for a plugged drain that was installed about 70 years ago. There are phone and gas utilities in the area along with county road R/W. Since it's an unregulated drain, the county would only be responsible for a problem under the road. Chad and Phil will look at the area, and the county will be notified before digging starts. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor