

May 28, 2002

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order with all members present. Minutes of the 5/20 meeting were approved with a correction, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Minutes are corrected to indicate Phillip Schlemmer lives on Old Rd. 15 N. Commissioners reviewed the Judicial Center/Jail custodian hours and a letter from Wabash City attorney, Robert McCallen III, indicating the city isn't willing to sign the Commissioner proposed ambulance service agreement, but they encourage the county to accept their proposed agreement. No action was taken on the matter. They noted a MicroVote explanation of election night vote count problems. The computer used is a high speed model provided by the state, with Windows 2000 software, while MicroVote software is set up for Windows 1998. All functions were tested after the move, except cartridge reading, and that could have been tested by following guidelines. A computer with Windows 1998 will be delivered to the Clerk's office. County Treasurer, Lu Ann Layman, says advertising and quotes are required for opening a cash management account, so Commissioners set June 24, 2002 at 10:00 A.M. as the deadline to accept bids. Sheriff, Tim Roberts, and Emergency Management director, Bob Brown, have installed toll free numbers on a trial basis. Roberts says it was suggested by one of the Sheriff candidates, and it provides a wonderful service for taxpayers who must call long distance. There's no installation fee, or monthly service fee, and rates are the same as our Qwest long distance rates. Sheriff Roberts feels sure there's enough in his utility budget for this service. They will do a press release to notify the public of the new numbers. Darle asked them to monitor the system for abuse over the next months. Brown shared pictures of weather damage in Waltz Township over the weekend. Brown and Roberts are working on correcting the Reverse 911 mapping system. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, presented amended Ordinance 1994-5, changing the share inmates must pay for medical treatment from \$10.00 to \$15.00 per visit. Based on a legislative change in Indiana Code 11-12-5-5b, Commissioners approved the increase last week and signed the amended ordinance today. Tom says the discovery phase of the 11/19 trial on Old Rd. 15 S right-of-way must be completed by 8/30, a list of witnesses is due by 8/16 and the pre-trial conference is 10/16 at 8:30 A.M.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Harry Bekel presented a petition with 18 signatures, requesting a Children Playing sign on CR 800 S, east of St. Rd. 15, at the new dairy complex. There's increased traffic, including many trucks. Larry says there's one house in the area, no accident history or traffic count has been done, and Commissioners have denied most similar requests in the past. Les moved to take the request under advisement to evaluate the area, second by Darle, and passed. Larry presented mail box requirements provided by the post office, and Darle said the Urbana post mistress could only find regulations pertaining to mailbox height. Larry says the state requires that delivery vehicles must be able to get entirely off the road, but Darle says that's not possible on St. Rd. 16. They will try to get more information before proceeding with a rural mail box ordinance. Based on a written request, Commissioners told Larry to have his crew cut some brush on the Mississinewa Sky Hawks field at the Mississinewa Reservoir. The Dept. of Natural Resources has done this in the past, but don't have the manpower due to state cutbacks. Larry estimates the job will take about one half hour.

Judicial Center: Mike Murphy, with Pyramid Architects, went over a punch list of 98 concerns compiled by himself, Commissioners and security staff. Murphy says some items are moving damage and some are department decorating changes. About 30% of the list are Premier Consultants jobs, and they've gone bankrupt. Another company will be sought to complete the Premier work, possibly Son Construction, who have worked on the museum project. Retainage money and the Premier bond company will pay for the work. Commissioners think many problems could have been circumvented if they had been consulted first. Mike says Kellam Construction will backfill around the cooling tower tomorrow and Quality Electric will smooth and fill around the electrical box at the northwest corner of the courthouse. Tag Coatings and Quality Electric are working on their punch lists. Pyramid recommends electric ceiling panels in the courthouse basement to keep it warmer. About seven could be installed for \$5,000.00. A zone system isn't cost effective, nor is there space for it. According to Murphy, Mike Blake with Quality Electric, agrees electric panels are the way to go. Les says Commissioners were told each office would be controlled by separate thermostats, and that didn't happen. Darle thinks the basement should have been a separate unit, not controlled by thermostats a floor above them. He wants Pyramid to offer more solutions, and he wants to meet with Terry Burnworth. Joe White, Peru, submitted a quote of \$6500. to clean windows and aluminum frames, a job in the Banner Glass contract. Brian says Banner may decide to do the work themselves, rather than pay someone else to do it.

CR 200 E, Liberty Township: Larry Rice talked with County Surveyor, John Stephens, and they reviewed the Jay Lynn deed. It looks like leaving 260 feet of the road open would give access to the farm ground and no one would be landlocked. Area owners John Unger and Ethel Jenkins, and tenant farmer, David Ridenour, asked Commissioners to leave the entire road open, but unimproved, rather than just a portion of it. Les moved to close all but the north 260 feet of CR 200 E in Liberty Township, being part of Section 5 in Township 26 north and range 7 east, second by Darle, and passed. Access would be south from St. Rd. 124. Ridenour estimates the road isn't more than 20 feet wide. Commissioners agreed Mrs. Jenkins could gather petitions to have the section of open road, improved, and present them to the Commissioners for consideration. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor