

June 17, 2002

Wabash County Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order with all members present. Minutes of the 6/10 meeting were approved as written, moved by Darle Dawes, second by Brian, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. They reviewed the Treasurer's report for May. They signed a previously approved letter of support for the Childcare Alliance for Resources (CARE), to proceed with a grant application. They accepted a proposal from Kone Elevator Service for a 2% decrease on the annual maintenance agreement for the courthouse elevator. The new fee of \$1,864.20 is down from \$1,902.24. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, reports the Stephens Fabrication lawsuit has been dismissed. Tom says the law firm of Barnes and Thornburg has advised of new legislation concerning the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPPA), and privacy and security regulations affecting county nurses and county health departments. Barnes and Thornburg is offering a HIPPA compliance package to counties for \$2500. per year, if enough counties are interested in participating. They'd like a response by June 30th. Commissioners took the matter under advisement. Carol Cly, Old Rd. 15 S, asked Commissioners to consider establishing regulations for confined feeding operations. She says the IN Dept. of Environmental Management (IDEM) only controls the manure applications, and the Dept. of Natural Resources will test water upon request. Cly says the county is responsible for property values and road maintenance, and should at the minimum, establish set back requirements that would apply only to new operations. Jasper Co. requires the operation owners to maintain roads used by the operation. The influx of non English speaking staff for these operations will impact many areas, including school systems. Commissioners will review the request.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Darle moved to deny the Ron Spicer petition for a speed zone and "blind drive" sign on CR 200 W, second by Lester Templin, and passed. Larry had a petition signed by all six property owners requesting a double chip and seal surface on CR 100 E between CR 500 N and St. Rd. 16, where the road dead-ends. Les moved to add the road to the bottom of the list, second by Brian, and passed, with Darle abstaining. Commissioners set July 22nd at 1:30 p.m. for a hearing on six roads they would like to close in Chester and Paw Paw Townships. Les had a complaint about the Mill Creek Pike and Yankee Rd. intersection. Vegetation is obscuring the view on the north side. Larry will advise the Plan Commission.

Judicial Center: Tanya Zoellner and Mike Murphy with Pyramid updated. Mike brought ther mometers and tested room temperatures. He says 74 degrees is the average in the basement while the Co. Assessor,s office was 77. Contractors will change the direction of a dif-fuser in the Surveyors office that deflects air. Sun Construction has been hired to complete Premier Commercial Services' work. K & M Floor Covering is working on their punch list. The loose soap dispensers were installed by the cleaning service. Courtroom rails are installed and the hallway benches should be here this Wednesday. The parking lot will be paved this Wednesday thru Friday. Campbell's Excavating is responsible for seeding on the west side. Brian reminded about the grading around the transformer out side the courthouse, and the granite joints on the Judicial Center that still aren't right. The walls cut in Memorial Hall haven't been fixed and the steps from the basement to the first floor weren't cleaned. It appears a drain is needed in the basement of Memorial Hall for the sprinkler system. Ductwork in the courthouse basement, has exposed flexible hose that's unsightly, and there's a board in the skylight that needs replaced with the glass that belongs there. Brian will contact Kellam Inc. about fixing the south steps from the courthouse to the parking lot. They're sagging and the railing is gone. Tanya had pay application # 25 totaling \$25,843.65, of which \$16,442.65 is retainage. Pyramid didn't submit a bill for their services this month. Tanya noted Banner Glass and Quality Electric still have money due them, but they didn't submit a claim. Les moved to approve pay application # 25, second by Darle, and passed.

2003 budget requests: The Council on Aging submitted a written request for \$15,000. in 2003 for the public transit system's operating budget. It services the residents of No. Manchester, LaFontaine, Lagro, Roann, Somerset, Urbana and Wabash. They requested \$14,000 for 2002, and were granted \$13,000. for both 2001 and 2002. Nancy Hoffman, director of the Assn. for Retarded Citizens (ARC), and board members Donna Wilhelm and Dan Woods, asked for \$55,640. for 2003, up from \$53,500. in 2001 and 2002. Manor Care on Mill Creek Pike, owned by Miller's Merry Manor, and occupied by handicapped residents, will close on June 30th. This is part of a state plan to phase out these units by the end of 2003. Eleven residents have asked ARC to provide their in home care, and ARC is looking for rental facilities along with doubling their staff. The state wants all sheltered workshops closed and the workers mainstreamed with the general workforce. Self-esteem is so valuable to the handicapped, and is gained by small successes and accomplishments, something hard to find when they're mainstreamed. Manchester College students are volunteering to help with social events for ARC participants. ARC hired a public relations/ marketing person in January, who searches for funding sources for the not for profit group. Chris Martin, WECDOR director, and board members, presented their budget proposal. WECDOR would like to start a revolving loan fund for business and industry. Called "gap financing", it could lend up to 10% in addition to a traditional bank loan of up to 80%. The maximum amount on loan at any time would be 25% of the funds available in the account. \$100,000.00. will be designated for the revolving loan fund each year for 3 years. WECDOR also plans to set aside \$50,000. each of the next two years for a Training and Incubation (TIG) grant. Funds for the plan would come from city and county CEDIT shares over a three year period, with the county share being \$194,052.25 for 2003. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Cumulative Capital Development Fund

At 6:00 P.M. Brian Hauptert called a public hearing to order in regards to implementing a Cumulative Capital Development Fund for Wabash County. Attending the advertised meeting were: Brian Hauptert, Darle Dawes, Lester Templin, Tom Mattern, Carol Stefanatos and Sheila Rhoades with The Plain Dealer. With no dissenters, Les moved to adopt an ordinance establishing a Cumulative Capital Development Fund for Wabash County at the prescribed rate of .0167 (about 1.5 cents) per \$100. of assessed value the first year, and .0333 (about 3 cents) per \$100. of assessed value the second and subsequent years, second by Darle, and passed. At the current assessed value of \$920,257,855.00, that will accumulate about \$153,683.06 in the first year. The fund may be used for the construction and maintenance of buildings and capital outlay purchases. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST:

Carol Stefanatos, Auditor