

June 24, 2002

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order with all members present. Minutes of the 6/17 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the Judicial/ Jail custodian hours. They noted Dept. of Natural Resources plans to replace existing ramps and accessible transfer platforms at the Laketon and Liberty Mills public access sites on the Eel River. They learned the Dept. of Local Government Finance approved a Wabash Valley Landfill petition requiring the Co. Auditor to remove the taxes, penalties and interest from the RLG (Spring Valley Landfill) property. Wabash Valley still awaits In Dept. of Environmental Management approval to proceed with clean-up and future use of the the RLG land. Les moved to appoint Ernest Passwater to the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission, second by Darle, and passed. Passwater, who had agreed to accept the post, will serve thru 12/31/03. Commissioners will talk with WEDCOR director, Chris Martin, to verify sufficient funds are available, before signing contracts with the City of Wabash and Life-Med for ambulance service. Co. Council voted today to support the use of \$100,000. from CEDIT funds for an additional subsidy of \$50,000. for each unit in 2002. Commissioners would use a professional planner and get an appraisal before considering Gary Nose, Co. Council President's recommendation to sell the county farm. They will also research the pros and cons of increasing the Sheriff's pay and getting him out of the food service business, also suggested by Nose. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, pre-

sented Ordinance 2002-IV, to establish a Cumulative Capital Development Fund for Wabash County. Signed by the Commissioners, the Auditor will forward required information to the Dept. of Local Gov't Finance, the next step. Commissioners also set July 8th at 8:00 A.M. for an executive meeting with M & W Construction and their attorney. Mattern will notify attorney, Kristina Lynn, of the meeting.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry says the view obstruction on Yankee Rd. at the Mill Creek Pike intersection is under City of Wabash jurisdiction. He also reports a new culvert is installed on CR 300 W, north of St. Rd. 124, and the culvert on CR 975 S, west of CR 600 E, should be open today. Hank's construction will then move to CR 150 E, north of St. Rd. 16, for a culvert replacement. John Speidel, Jr. with Butler, Fairman & Seufert Engineering (BF&S), presented 14 of the 26 market estimates for proposed additional right-of-way (RW) acquisition on Old St. Rd. 15 S. Les moved to approve signing the estimates, second by Darle, and passed. Brian signed, and BF&S will mail them to involved property owners. Buyers will meet with land owners, and can negotiate prices, but Commissioners will make final decisions. BF&S is still working to set a meeting between the county and an IN Dept. of Transportation (INDOT) employee, who would testify to INDOT procedures for appraising R/W.

Cash management account quotes: Co. Treasurer, LuAnn Layman, presented quotes from (1) First Farmers Bank & Trust, (2) Indiana Lawrence Bank, (3) Wells Fargo Bank, (4) First Merchants Corp. and (5) Invest Indiana. She asked Commissioners and their attorney to review them. Les moved to close the bidding and take all bids under advisement, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners will compare the quotes July 1, 2002 at 11:00 A.M. and render a decision.

Lagro Township road closure hearings: With no objections voiced, Les moved to close CR 450 E, from U.S. 24 E to CR 200 N, an area about 3/8 mile long, second by Darle, and passed. With four property owners involved, and several present in favor of closing the road, Les moved to close CR 750 E, north of Division Rd. to CR 100 N (Beldon Rd), second by Darle, and passed. With those present in support of closing the road, Les moved to close CR 600 E, between CR 500 N and St. Rd. 16, second by Darle, and passed. With no one present, and a phone vote to close from D.V, Heckman, Darle moved to close CR 200 N between CR 500 E and CR 600 E, second by Les, and passed. After discussion with area owners, Commissioners took under advisement a decision on CR 175 E. They will announce their decision at 1:00 P.M. on 7/8/02. Roger Linsmeyer, representing the Ray Wolf Levine Trust, would like the north end left open for at least 600 feet, for access to farm ground. Others present may work on a petition to have the road improved. Owners on the south end may establish easements for farming access, rather than leaving the road open but unimproved. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

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Darle V. Dawes

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor