

JULY 22, 2002

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 7/15 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the Clerk and Treasurer Reports for June, the Weights and Measures monthly report, the Benicomp medical insurance June report and the Judicial/Jail custodian hours. Commissioners reviewed and took under advisement two quotes for a storage building. Kroft Construction, Wabash, estimates \$8,000. for a 20x20 foot building and \$9,000. for a 20x24 ft. building. Matt Smith Construction, Silver Lake, estimates \$7,338.14 and \$8,102.56 respectively. They have learned a two car garage with electricity, one block west of the courthouse, could be bought for \$5,000. Commissioners signed a letter supporting Pathfinder Services' application for HOME funds in the amount of \$200,000., to be used for home ownership counseling and down-payment assistance. Commissioners reviewed proposals from Hoffman Nursery, Wabash, and Scotts Landscaping Services, North Manchester, for landscaping around the Judicial Center. Both include weed barrier and decorative rock, along with a variety of trees and shrubs. The Hoffman quote is \$3,000. including a two year warranty, and the Scotts' quote is \$2,983.40. Les moved to select the Hoffman Nursery proposal, second by Darle, and passed. The Wabash County Bar Association has committed \$500. to the project. Les says Greg Pettit has asked for water access for Canal Days vendors from the Probation building. Commissioners and the custodian are concerned about a water leak as the spigot hasn't been used in 25 years. Les will talk with Pettit about other alternatives. Les talked with an appraiser about the County Farm property, who suggested not selling for 15 to 20 years. By then the operational landfill, and competing available ground in the area, might be out of the picture. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, reports M & W Construction attorney, Kristina Lynn, hasn't responded to his request for a meeting with Commissioners. Attorney, John Johnston, told Commissioners he convinced a plaintiff and his attorney to dismiss a suit against the county for a fall while incarcerated. Steve Johnson, with United Consultants Engineering, presented plans for bridge # 28 in Laketon. Commissioners reviewed and signed the plans, which will be submitted to INDOT for approval. Johnson hopes for a November bid letting.

Sheriff, Tim Roberts, reports over 100 in jail this week-end. He needs to replace the vehicle, totaled when Deputy Hicks was struck at the 13/24 intersection. A new car will run about \$20,000. plus \$2800. for painting. He has an insurance settlement of \$5,500. and \$7,000. in his motor vehicle account. The balance of payment will come from his Commissary account. This time of year, you can't get cars already painted for Sheriff departments, and his usual supplier, Bloomington Ford, doesn't have bucket seat models needed for equipment, in stock. A dealer in the Chicago area has what he needs. Les moved for Tim to proceed with the purchase of one squad car as proposed, second by Darle, and passed.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Department: 37 lane miles of chip and seal are done, including CR 450 S and CR 680 E. Larry says damage isn't severe on CR 500 W, being used by some as a detour for St. Rd. 13 S. Although work isn't completed, Rd 13 was opened last Friday due to construction time limits.

Judicial Center: Pyramid Engineering representatives, Tanya Zoellner and Carl Denman, updated Commissioners. Tanya presented pay application # 26 totaling \$38,230.98, of which \$2,510. is retainage funds. Les moved to approve the claims, second by Darle, and passed, with Brian abstaining. Les said all windows in the center haven't been cleaned, and Tanya says we're still holding \$4,000. in retainage for Banner Glass, who's responsible for window cleaning. Tanya will look at benches in the Superior Court Room that are puckering, and check those in Circuit Court, then contact the vendor. Tanya says Tag Coating is asking for additional money because they stained more wood than was needed. This was partly because Premier Commercial Services bought more wood than needed, and Tag didn't keep track of how much wood they were staining. Commissioners say to let it ride for now, as Tanya hasn't heard from Tag recently. Plaster repair in the courthouse is part of the ADM contract, and we're now dealing with their bonding company. Commissioners have the choice of taking over negotiations, or paying Tanya to continue mediating with ADM. Denman reminded Commissioners, Pyramid is interested in remodeling Memorial Hall for the Probation department. Brian says the Museum board is hoping to have artifacts moved to the new building for storage by the end of October.

Chester and Paw Paw Township road closures: With no dissenters present, Les moved to close CR 600 E from St Rd 16 to CR 700 N, and CR 400 E from CR 1400 N to CR 1435 N, both in Chester Township, second by Darle, and passed. Without opposition, Les moved to close CR 100 W (Paw Paw) for approximately 5400 feet between CR 500 N and St. Rd. 16, second by Darle, and passed. Without protest, Les moved to close CR 100 W between CR 300 N and CR 400 N, second by Darle, and passed. With no opposition, Les moved to close CR 700 N from 2640 feet west of CR 700 W to CR 800 W (Wabash/Miami Co. line), second by Darle, and passed. Les moved to take under advisement a decision on CR 750 N, 3100 feet east of CR 200 W, east, then south to CR 700 N, second by Darle, and passed. One adjacent owner says he needs it left open, but unimproved, for access to his woods, while another neighbor says Commissioners told him in 1975 the road didn't go beyond the cemetery entrance, and he wants it closed. Commissioners will announce their decision on August 5th at 1:30 P.M. 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