

December 9, 2002

Wabash County Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 12/2 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the Jail/Judicial Center custodian hours, and Darle moved to approve and sign the bond for Recorder elect, Nancy Gribben, second by Les, and passed. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, reports a Cass County judge has filed notice with the court that she will pre- side over the Old 15 S eminent domain case. Tom will ask her in writing to set a trial date, so the case may move forward. Tom also reports Murdock Claims Management, which serves United National Insurance Company, the county's carrier, has agreed to provide coverage for the Sheriff's department, including the Sheriff and the Merit Board, in reference to the lawsuit filed by Todd Wheatley. Murdock has hired an attorney to repre- sent the department. Chief of Probation, Tina Edwards-Willey, presented an Emergency Shelter Placement agreement for 2003. Between the county and Whites's Residential Ser- vices, the county would agree to pay Whites's \$104. per bed (up from \$100. in 2002), for five beds each day of 2003. If the county needed additional beds, and they were avail- able, White's would accept the same fee of \$104. per bed. White's will charge other counties \$ 119. per bed in 2003. Tina says the 5 reserved beds are almost always full, with frequent use of additional beds. Les moved to accept the contract for 2003, second by Darle, and passed.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry has learned that two used cylindrical power brooms are available. The Roscoe unit in service is quite old, he doesn't know when it was purchased. They're testing a Laymoore brand demonstrator, priced at \$26,675. with a trade-in of \$1200. He's also found a 2002 Broce at \$20,350. with a trade of \$1500. He has funds available in his Capital Outlay account to make a purchase. Les moved to approve the purchase of the Broce unit, second by Darle, and passed. Brian noted a warrant agreement should be included, if Larry still wants the Broce unit after he's tested it.

Jail Repairs; Jim Bailey and Michael Wohlford, with Havel Brothers, Ft. Wayne, offered to remove more than \$900. in mileage expenses from the \$20,872.16 bill presented to the county for work Havel did on the Jail heating/cooling system. There was confusion about authorization to proceed with the work, as Commissioners were not aware additional work was planned beyond repair of one compressor at an agreed upon amount of \$7,861.47. Havel contends they explained what repairs were needed, and understood they were to proceed. Sheriff Roberts thought they were working on the compressor repair, since he notified them by letter in August he was putting any future work on hold, as his funds were gone. After settling on a balance due of \$16,500.00, Sheriff Roberts suggested a payment of \$5,000. from the Jail Commissary fund this month, another \$5,000. payment from the 2003 Jail budget, with a final \$6,500. payment from the County Corrections fund in June of 2003. Havel Brothers accepted those terms. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor