

March 3, 2003

Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 2/24 meeting were approved as written, moved by Brian Hauptert, second by Les, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. They reviewed the Jail/Judicial Center custodian hours, the Benicomp insurance January report and the Universal Consultants appraisal updates for county buildings. Les signed the Covered Bridge certification for 2003, indicating there are two covered bridges in Wabash County. They reviewed and accepted an amendment to the 3 year CEDIT plan, adding a \$3,000. grant match for the Servia Water system upgrade. The program was established in 2002, but inadvertently omitted from the 2003 thru 2005 plan. Commissioners reviewed the plans and legal advertisement for extending the courthouse heating/cooling system to Memorial Hall. They compiled a list of local vendors to send invitations to bid, which will be mailed by the architect, James McCleary, with Scearce & Rudisel, Warsaw. Commissioners reviewed a letter from Nicole Fennell with the Probation office, inviting them to participate in a tour of the day reporting program in Blackford County. It's set for 3/13/03 at 2:00 P.M. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern shared a letter from Wabash City attorney, Robert McCallen, regarding a lawsuit against a Mr. and Mrs. Rodriguez. It's to recoup demolition costs on a condemned building in the city, and the county is a defendant by virtue of delinquent property taxes due the county. Mr. Mattern will monitor progress of the suit. Tom also will pass along information to our insurance carrier regarding a TORT notice filed by John Willett, alleging unlawful arrest and violation of his civil rights. Commissioners supported a request by Co. Assessor, Kelly Schenkel, to use budgeted funds in her Cumulative Reappraisal account for extra help to facilitate mailing of notices of assessment. Commissioners agreed, as Council members, on 2/24, urged the Assessor and Auditor offices' to do what's necessary to get tax statements mailed as soon as possible. Benicomp Inc. representative, Jim Greer, and local agent, Allen Miracle, presented several proposals for renewal of medical insurance for county employees. They suggested Commissioners remove short term disability (STD) coverage from the stop loss portion of the policy, and self-fund STD, as it cuts premiums. Commissioners will review the options, including the Benicomp recommendation to switch from Pacific Life to American United Life as our carrier. Benicomp has shared AUL figures with Pac Life, giving them the chance to revise their offer. Allen will meet with Commissioners on 3/10 for further discussion.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry presented his 2002 Inventory Report to Commissioners. He has ordered another batch of salt, but won't ask for additional funds until he's done buying for this year. He presented five estimates that met specifications to replace about 2600 sq. ft. of concrete floor in the Co. Highway Building. Quotes were: (1) C.A.T. at \$15,600.00, (2) Kellam Construction at \$15,483.00, (3) Marvin Schlemmer at \$14,900.00, (3) Gaunt & Son Asphalt at \$24,425.00 and (5) Son Construction quoted \$15,260.00. Brian moved to accept the Marvin Schlemmer quote of \$14,900.00, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Larry will ask Council for an additional appropriation at their 3/24 meeting. He hasn't heard from the insurance adjustor yet on the truck damaged last week, but due to the time involved to get a new truck, he will ask Council for an appropriation to buy a new one. He reminded Commissioners Purdue Road School was March 24th thru 26th. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Hauptert

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor