

June 9, 2003

Wabash Co. Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with Brian Haupert absent. Approval of the 6/2 minutes will wait until Brian may vote, as Darle was absent for that meeting. Commissioners reviewed the May Financial Report, the Jail/Judicial Center custodian hours, the Benicomp insurance report for May, and a state Fire Marshall report on Memorial Hall conditions. Consensus was to decline a request from the Coca Cola company to place a vending machine in the courthouse in addition to the existing Pepsi machine. The Auditor reported on trash removal fees from two services. For once a week removal from a 4 yard bin (holds about 25 trash bags) Waste Management Services would charge \$62.00 per month, while Wabash Valley Refuse would bill \$60.00 per month. For the same services using a 3 yard bin (holds 18 bags), Waste Management would charge \$53.00 per month, while Wabash Valley would charge \$42.00. Larry Rice estimates his department removes up to 25 bags of trash each week from the Judicial Center/Courthouse complex. Darle moved to approve a request from Brenda Conner, Noble Township Assessor, to attend a summer conference, second by Les, and passed. Beverly Ferry and Pat Lynn, representing the Wabash Co. Council on Aging, asked Commissioner support of their intent to apply for a 5711 Transportation grant for next year. Last year they got \$110,000. for the program. Darle moved to support the grant application, second by Les, and passed. Les signed the letter of intent.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: They are 2/3 done with the first mowing pass. Pleasant Township # 10 concrete box culvert on CR 1400 N has deteriorated. It's an arch design, and Larry has someone coming to look at it Wednesday. They're making good progress on Bridge # 28 at Laketon over the Eel river. The deck is almost removed.

Tom Mattern, Commissioner Attorney: Tom has reviewed the contract with Computer Systems, Inc. (CSI) for the "dox pop" system, and it looks okay to him. There's not a lot of responsibility for the county. The one year contract extends automatically by one year increments, unless either party gives notice 60 days prior to the annual renewal date. Lori Draper, Co. Clerk, supports the program. Darle moved approval to sign, second by Les, and passed. Tom also reviewed the contract to purchase the REMC tower for \$35,000.00. There aren't any warranties regarding the tower's condition. Payment is to come from 911 funds, if approved by Co. Council. Darle moved to sign the contract with payment date not yet designated, pending Council approval of an additional appropriation, second by Les, and passed.

Sheriff, Leroy Striker: The air conditioning unit for cell block # 3 is leaking, and he has an estimate of \$700. to 800. to repair it. After learning the Sheriff has funds available for payment, Darle moved approval to make the needed repairs, second by Les, and passed. Leroy is still gathering estimates to replace the other two units that are down at the jail, and should have that information for next Monday. One of the two is still under warranty. He reminded there will be a training session for emergency personnel June 14th. It involves a mock airplane crash. It will also be a test for the reverse 911 system, and its value.

Co. Clerk, Lori Draper: Lori presented two sample boxes for after hours fee collections, and recommends the smaller one. It should run about \$175.00, and she will pay for it from one of her incentive funds. The highway department will install it in the grassy area between the Judicial Center and the Health department entrance. Darle moved to proceed with purchase and installation of the deposit box, second by Les, and passed. She asked Commissioners to look into amending the county's copy fees ordinance for copies of anything not already set by legislation. The Co. Council set a fee schedule in June 1995, and Tom will review the statute and Council vote. Commissioners and Mr. Mattern feel the Commissioners can't change something set by Council.

Bob Brown, Emergency Management director: Since the City of Wabash gave his department a used vehicle, he was going to put his 1994 vehicle in the surplus sale. Larry Freels with the TAP program in North Manchester asked Bob if the car could be donated to his program. Either option is okay with Bob. Mr. Mattern suggested Commissioners make certain the TAP program has no ties to the county, thus eliminating any chance of county liability, before making a decision. Commissioners agreed.

Nancy Hoffman, Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC): Nancy was joined by board president, Dick Rider, and vice president, Donna Wilhelm. ARC is back into 24/7 residential care for their clients, and meeting the challenge. Funding from the state and federal level is down 26% from 11 years ago. The program serves infants thru adults, with 25 adults employed in the community. ARC is grateful for any financial support the county can provide, and request the support be restored to the 2002 amount of \$53,500. Commissioners will consider the request when they do their 2004 budgets, and commended the group for the great service they provide to the county. With no further business, the meeting recessed.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian Haupert

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor