

June 16, 2003

Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 6/2 meeting were approved as written, moved by Brian Hauptert, second by Les, and passed. Minutes of the 6/9 meeting were approved as written, moved by Darle Dawes, second by Les, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. Commissioners directed the Auditor to request contract information for a 4 yard trash bin for the courthouse complex. Wabash Valley Refuse had the lowest quote of \$60. per month. Commissioners reviewed the 9 applications submitted for the Weights and Measures position. The next step is testing by the state, and the Auditor will get a test date set. Brian moved approval to donate an Emergency Management car to the TAP program in North Manchester, second by Darle, and passed. Director, Bob Brown, conveyed the donation request to Commissioners last week, indicating the car would go in the surplus sale otherwise. Brian also moved that Bob take advantage of a grant opportunity to get defibrillators for rural fire units, second by Darle, and passed. Emergency Management must certify the eventual recipients have been trained to use the equipment. Noble Township Assessor, Brenda Conner, reports she has been named as a defendant in a petition for transfer of Spring Valley Landfill property to Wabash Valley Landfill. She must respond to the summons with in 20 days of receipt of the notice. Commissioners and attorney, Tom Mattern, advised Brenda to contact Don Metz, who is the attorney for Wabash Valley on this matter. If he's not able to help her, then Commissioners will see that any legal costs are covered. Mr. Mattern reports he has received from attorney Mark Guenin, signed Quit Claim deeds for Old Rd. 15 S right-of-way (R/W) acquisition. These properties were named in the eminent domain lawsuit. Property owners agreed to settle for 50% of the appraised values recommended by court appointed appraisers. Commissioners had filed the suit since they felt the appraisal estimates were high for existing road R/W. Guenin asked that grantors receive payment within 30 days. Tom will verify that all parties named in the lawsuits have deeded R/W to the county. Tom reviewed statutes regarding copy fees, and feels the Council and Commissioners could work together to set a universal fee schedule for those departments not regulated by statute.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Department: Larry contacted Beauchamp and McSpadden ISU last week and added property coverage for the highway tower at \$30,000. and the Sheriff tower at \$50,000. Eric Fleck submitted a request for a road cut to place a tile under the road, under an existing culvert. It's on CR 300 E, 5,880 feet north of CR 250 S. Larry has a letter of agreement from the adjacent property owner, and suggests the normal maintenance fee of \$100.00. be assessed. Brian moved approval of the request, second by Darle, and passed. Brian moved approval for Larry to submit a request for an additional appropriation of \$19,959. for highway account 4441, second by Darle, and passed. The original 2003 budget request for his department was advertised incorrectly by the Auditor's office, and the Dept. of Local Government Finance cannot approve a budget higher than what was advertised. Larry hired a No. Manchester firm to jet clean the drains in Laketon, and found a drain is plugged. Trees in the area could contribute to the clog. Commissioners and Larry agree repair of the drain is a Laketon community issue. Larry had some wash-outs on roads due to the heavy volume of rain last Friday. There's an open ditch on CR 700 S, west of America Road, that will become a problem. It may be a drainage issue. The Auditor will get Larry copies of the fully executed agreement for R/W services on the DNR access road project for CR 950 S and CR 350 W, approved by INDOT. Also, the Appraisal Problem Analysis report for the project. Butler, Fairman & Seufert is the engineer.

Sheriff, Leroy Striker: The Sheriff gave Commissioners a copy of House Bill 155, which offers a means for jail construction. He presented four requests for additional appropriations from E-911 funds, for Commissioner approval. The requests cover wages and social security for the 911 coordinator and two dispatchers, as recommended by the Council for 2003. Brian moved to approve the request for \$27,392. for the coordinator, second by Darle, and passed. Darle moved to approve the request for \$53,784. for two dispatchers, second by Brian, and passed. Darle moved to approve the request for \$6,210. for social security for all three, second by Brian, and passed. He will also submit an additional appropriation request from 911 funds to buy the old REMC tower at \$35,000.00, as approved by Commissioners last week. The Sheriff has found a good used vehicle, and wants to trade in three cars from the current fleet, in exchange. That will reduce his fleet by two, which will cut insurance costs and liability. The balance for the purchase, after trade-in, will come from Commissary funds. Darle moved approval to proceed with the purchase of a used car, and trade of three cars, second by Brian, and passed. Striker reported he received one quote in response to his request for needed repairs to the jail HVAC system. Since it's a pneumatic system, some firms aren't qualified to work on it. Havel Brothers quoted \$19,000. to replace the unit, or \$8,594. to repair the unit Havel agreed to do the work now, but wait for payment until the Sheriff receives his yearly Co. Corrections fund payment, in late summer. There will be a 90 day warranty on the compressor, and Leroy recommends repair of the existing unit. Brian moved to approve repairs at \$8,594.00, second by Darle, and passed. Leroy says he has directed that any change requests go thru him. With no further business, the meeting recessed.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Hauptert

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor