

AUGUST 11, 2003

Commissioner Chairman, Lester, Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 8/4 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. They reviewed the July Financial Report, the Benicomp Insurance July Report and the Bowen Center Annual Report. They will pass a TORT notice along to their attorney, Tom Mattern. The Commissioners, Co. Council and Co. Highway Department are among the parties being notified in reference to the Matthew Hughes estate. Commissioners noted the Murdock Claim Management Company will investigate the John Willet TORT claim. Emergency Management director, Bob Brown, reports his Advisory Council met 8/8. With 8 of 12 members present, consensus is to buy a prime mover for hauling equipment, with the \$30,000.00 Homeland Security sub-grant. Bob checked with local dealers and found a 2001 Suburban with 26,000 miles for \$28,200. Transfer of equipment to the new vehicle will use most of the balance of the \$30,000.00 grant. It will replace a 1996 Caprice. Since he only located one vehicle that fit his needs, Commissioners asked Bob for a written report of his contacts. Brian moved approval for Bob to submit the vehicle purchase proposal to the state grant committee, as part of the grant application, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners advised Bob to submit his chosen equipment list as part of another grant application thru Homeland Security. Plan Commissioner, Chad Dilling, reports FEMA has advised him the Co. Floodplain Ordinance needs updated, and a noncompliance fine added. Brian moved to support Chad's suggestion of a "not to exceed" fine of \$10.00, second by Darle, and passed. Proposed revisions are due in September. Beverly Ferry, director of the Wabash Co. Council on Aging (COA), asked Commissioners to sign a resolution authorizing her to apply for a 5311 Transportation grant. The resolution authorizes Commissioners to be the financial agent, and Ms Ferry to complete the application. Brian moved to support the grant application by signing Resolution 2003-V, second by Darle, and passed.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: There are 75.4 miles of chip and seal completed. He attended the FEMA meeting at Grissom Aeroplex last week regarding recent storm damage. He signed an application for reimbursement of an estimated \$97,500. in damages, and has a two man crew checking bridges for scour damage today. Regarding the mud hazard on Old Rd. 15 S after rain, Larry has talked with all involved parties. The City of Wabash has sent written notice to the Giles property, that the run-off problem must be fixed. Brian suggested Larry notify Giles and Cox the county will charge for road clean-up in the future. Sheriff Striker noted the area is a hazard for motorists. Larry says funding for Phase II of Old Rd. 15 S will fall short of the projected \$650,000.00, as \$500,000. has been appropriated. There are sufficient funds for Phase I, which is completed, but not audited, and Phase III, to cover the difference until Council appropriates more funds. Larry and Phil Amones are putting together specifications to replace an old pick-up truck with a flat bed truck. The pick-up has 180,000 miles and a flat bed would haul more equipment. He estimates \$20,000 to 22,000. for a flat bed. John Schuler asked permission for a road cut and Larry asked him to complete a request for submission to the Commissioners. Larry said county policy is a charge of \$10.00 per running foot if the county does the work, or a \$100. maintenance fee if Schuler hires the contractor.

Leroy Striker, Sheriff: Leroy reminded of the 911 meeting at noon tomorrow. Discussion will include forming a central dispatch research committee. He told Commissioners inmate medical expenses need addressed soon, and suggested an October start date with one of the two proposals he has received. He's going to need additional funds to make it thru 2003, and suggests contracting care now, rather than waiting until January. Darle moved support of seeking Council consensus of switching to the new plan in October, second by Brian, and passed. With no further business, the meeting recessed.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Hauptert

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor