

September 8, 2003

Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order with all members present. Darle Dawes moved to approve the 9/2 minutes as written, second by Les, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. They reviewed the August Financial Report, and noted receipt of a Bill of Sale for the old REMC tower, now the property of the county. Upon the recommendation of hospital board attorney, Donald Metz, Brian Hauptert moved to reappoint Amy Turner to the Wabash Co. Hospital Board thru June of 2007 and Ed Knafel to the same board thru January of 2007, second by Darle, and passed. Darle moved approval for Co. Clerk, Lori Draper to buy a receipt printer for \$99.00, second by Brian, and passed. Commissioners will move toward letting bids to replace windows in the Memorial Hall building, in preparation of relocating the Probation department there. Les will check for potential local contractors. Commissioners will pay for the project with Cumulative Capital Development funds. Rose Lawson of Speicherville, discussed a property discrepancy between the original plat and current records, that affects her property and that of Danny Price. There are surveyor discrepancies, but while Commissioners agreed there is an error some place, they have no authority to make a judgement. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, said if property owners couldn't resolve the dispute, they could take the issue to court.

Phil Amones, Co. Highway Assistant Supervisor: Phil reports a cement wall fell in at Treaty Creek on Old Rd. 15 S. The creek undermined the wall, and his department doesn't have the needed equipment to repair it. He will get quotes for repairs that might be as high as \$60,000.00. The base radio damaged in the recent storm, will be costly to replace. W. A. Jones has one of the new trucks purchased from Eriks Chevrolet, equipped and ready for delivery. Commissioners agreed it was okay to display it at an upcoming show. John Speidel Jr., with Butler, Fairman & Seufert (BF&S), told Commissioners he has compiled about \$196,000. in credit for the county on the Old 15 S project. As of April of this year, the state will allow credit for up to 50% of expenses, with the total credit limited to 10% of the total project cost. The engineering portion is paid at 80%-20%, so the county may claim only on their 20% share. Right of way acquisitions may be credited at 100% His problem has been breaking the costs into phases, when it was originally one project.

Floodplain ordinance amendment: At 1:00 P.M. Commissioners called the hearing to order. No one from the public attended. Plan Commissioner, Chad Dilling, presented the ordinance, with the primary change being the required addition of a penalty for non compliance, which will be a "not to exceed \$10.00" fee. Brian moved approval of amending Ordinance 1997-5, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners signed the ordinance. Chad will make a visit to the Max Walker residence in Lagro, to check the number of vehicles. There has been a complaint of multiple recreational vehicles coming and going at all hours. Chad says the Town of Lagro is included in Plan Commission ordinances, but has the option of establishing their own ordinances and policing them. Commissioners and Chad discussed a trenching ordinance effective in Howard County, but decided to hold off establishing a similar policy in this county.

Leroy Striker, Sheriff: Leroy gave Commissioners a copy of the Kosciusko Co. 4 wheeler ordinance. There has been one fatality involving a 4 wheeler since enactment of the ordinance, but they haven't noticed an influx of the vehicles on county roads since the ordinance became effective. The 4 wheelers are prohibited on roads between midnight and 6:00 A.M. Miami Co. says an ordinance helps locate stolen vehicles, and theirs restricts road use from dusk to dawn. Striker suggests an ordinance should specify 4 wheel off road vehicles, stipulate no passengers, and indicate they must ride in single file. The Sheriff and Commissioners revisited the grant application for leasing vehicles for 3 years at \$1.00 per year. The catch is advertisements on them, but Striker says he could use them for a transport vehicle or his vehicle, rather than for equipped road units. Other departments could make use of the grant cars, too. Darle moved approval to proceed with the grant application, second by Brian, and passed. With no further business, the meeting recessed.

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Lester D. Templin, Chairman

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Brian K. Hauptert

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor