

January 26, 2004

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order with all members present. Minutes of the 1/20 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. They noted Ronald Woodward has been selected as the official Wabash County Historian by the Indiana Historical Society and the Indiana Historical Bureau. They reviewed Poor Relief guidelines for Chester Township effective 1/21/04. Commissioners signed the Covered Bridge Certification, which allows the county to receive \$1250. for each of the two covered bridges in the county. They noted receipt of a Tort notice from Jeffrey L. VanAuken, naming the jail and the county in the claim of assault and poor medical care while he was incarcerated. Commissioners signed Resolution 2004 - I, reappointing Ernest Passwater to the Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission thru 12/31/05. Upon the recommendation of the hospital trustees, Les moved to reappoint Lee Shellhamer to the Wabash Co. Hospital Board of Trustees for a four year term ending 3/31/08, second by Darle, and passed. Mary Ellen Clark, director of the CASA program, asked Commissioners to continue as the governing body for her grant program She's applying for a \$38,406. grant with a local match of \$9,602. Les moved support of the program and grant application, second by Darle, and passed. Bob Brown, Emergency Management director reported the state has no grant money for new facilities. He has received federal guidelines for facility needs for his department.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry asked approval to advertise for both a single axle and tandem axle truck, using budgeted funds. He'd also like to replace the 1982 distributor, while it still has trade value. He recommended asking for an additional appropriation from Local Road & Street funds in an estimated range of \$125,000.00. Darle moved approval to buy the trucks, second by Les, and passed. Commissioners set March 8th at 10:00 A.M. to accept bids for the trucks, and agreed for Larry to pursue a distributor purchase. Larry says a request from Verizon to add lines to 1284 S 700 W looks okay, and Commissioners signed the request. They asked Larry to provide the Co. Surveyor's office with copies of telephone company requests for road cuts, and Larry agreed to do so. This will allow them to stay abreast of when and where work is being done. Darle said some property owners have asked for notification of planned work in their areas up to 48 hours in advance. Larry said the vendor could be asked to provide that service, as he doesn't get notification.

Leroy Striker, Sheriff: The Norfolk & Southern railroad has been notified that trains blocking crossings (usually CR 300 N and CR 400 N) longer than 10 minutes will be cited for the infraction, and deputy prosecutor, David Magley has agreed to prosecute. Leroy has advised dispatchers to log blockage complaints into the computer for future reference. Leroy says he is seeking clarification on supervision requirements for the proposed work release program. If he isn't able to use existing jail staff for some of the supervision, he'll have to scrap the program, as the grant allows funds for only 2 1/2 employees, not enough for a 24/7 program. He has received a rough draft figure of \$125,000. from Moake Park Architects, for renovation costs. Sheriff Striker contacted Moake Park himself, not because they are a state designated architect for these renovations. Striker said Moake Park won't charge for their services, unless they are retained to proceed with the job. Brian noted Schenkel Schultz Architects specialize in jail construction, too. Leroy reported he has gathered the requested information on potential advertisers vehicles in the acquisition grant program, and forwarded it to grant people.

Memorial Hall window replacement: Commissioners have received two quotes for the job, and one refusal to quote from Marvin Metzger. Marion Glass and Aluminum quoted \$57,120. to replace windows and frames on the first floor, \$56,660. for the second floor or a deduction of \$5,700, and do both floors for \$108,080.00. Crystal Clear Glass, LLC of Wabash, quoted \$39,900. to do the same on the first floor and \$43,500. for the second floor Les moved to accept the Crystal Clear Glass quote for both floors, second by Darle, and passed. Les moved to make an additional appropriation request from the Cumulative Capital Development fund in the amount of \$85,000. for the project, second by Darle, and passed. With no further business, the meeting recessed.

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Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor