

June 14, 2004

Commissioner Vice Chairman, Darle Dawes, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with Brian Hauptert absent. Minutes of the 6/7 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. They reviewed the May Financial Report, the Clerk's May Report and the Benicomp Insurance May Report. They noted Wabash County will receive \$220,448.72 from Riverboat gambling funds in 2004. The county share is \$95,866.18. Those funds are designated for the County General Fund to ease property taxes. Commissioners agreed the Co. Assessor and her two deputies may attend the annual conference in Indianapolis August 24th thru 27th. The registration fee is \$130. each. Commissioners and their attorney, Tom Mattern, discussed preparing an ordinance to establish copy fees for non statute services in the Co. Clerk's office. Les moved support of Clerk, Lori Draper's recommendation, second by Darle, and passed. David Magley, representing the Carnegie Library, recommended Commissioners appoint Jayne Hatton to the Common Construction Wage Committee for their upcoming project. Les moved to support Hatton as the Commissioner appointment for the prevailing wage hearing, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners decided replacing the lawn mower for the jail and Judicial center was an emergency situation, and instructed custodian, Dick Smith, to purchase County Council will address an additional appropriation request at their 6/28 meeting. The 1999 Lawnboy has shot pistons, bearings and seals, and the seals aren't available any longer. Commissioners learned MediaCom Communications is offering MediaCom Digital Star packages to current and new subscribers thru 6/30/04. MediaCom services unincorporated areas in Wabash County. Emergency Management director, Bob Brown, will meet this morning with a FEMA director, as Wabash Co. has been added to the Memorial Day storm disaster list, as a contiguous county. He will learn what that entails. Sunday he delivered sand bags to the Miller residence on College St. in Urbana. Considerable water was pouring from the culvert under the railroad and surrounding the Miller home. Bob asked Commissioners to consider setting aside sand he would have access to, for individual situations like this. There are plans in place for wide scale emergencies.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: There are several roads posted for high water, including the Farr Pike and CR 350 E leaving Liberty Mills. IDEM has sent written notification that no further action is needed at the underground tank site, and it's okay to remove the wells. Larry will contract Patriot about removing the wells. He doesn't think that was included in the original contract, but he will check the agreement. Larry reports Bridge # 38 on CR 400 N has been repaired, and Ordinance # II, placing a height and weight limit may be rescinded. Les moved approval to rescind, second by Darle, and passed. Larry also heard from the Miller's in Urbana about water. Darle said he checked the area this morning, and there was water in the holding pond, which means that is doing what it's supposed to do. Larry said there is a water problem on CR 100 E, a gravel road. Since his department was without power for several hours Sunday, Larry thinks a generator would be a wise purchase. He could keep radio and computer systems accessible. Paperwork for Br. # 13 repairs has been sent to the state for approval. Butler, Fairman & Seufert Engineers (BF&S) have also notified REMC that power poles on the bridge, which is on Mississinewa Road over the Mississinewa River, will need temporarily relocated. Toby Steffan and Kevin Czerniakowski, with BF&S, report the quote window of 60 days has expired, for repairs to the retaining wall on Old Rd. 15 S at Treaty Creek. R L McCoy, the accepted contractor, is asking for an increase of \$27,000.00, due to materials costs. The increase still keeps McCoy the low bidder at \$155,861.74, and under the original estimate provided by BF&S. FEMA hasn't yet responded to the increase request. McCoy has given written notice the new price is good until 9/1/04. Kevin expects the DNR permit within 60 days and will let Commissioners know where things stand with FEMA next week. Commissioners won't sign a contract with McCoy until they know what FEMA plans. The county pays 25% of this federal project.

Leroy Striker, Sheriff: There are 89 in jail this morning. The jail kitchen air conditioning unit failed last week. It had temporary repairs 2 years ago, but Havel Brothers advised then, the condensing unit should be replaced. Striker has three quotes to repair or replace the system. (1) Tri-W Plumbing, Heating & Electric proposed \$4189. to replace the condenser and compressor; \$6881. to replace the unit with an American Standard unit; and \$7046.33 to replace the Carrier unit with another Carrier unit. (2) Quality Electric proposed \$5435. to repair existing unit; and \$7195. to replace with a Carrier Unit. (3) Wohlford Heating & Refrigeration proposed \$9195. to replace with a Trane unit. Sheriff Striker recommends replacing the unit using Co. Corrections funds. Les moved to accept the low bid from Tri-W of \$6881.00, second by Darle, and passed. With no further business, the meeting recessed.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor