Chairman, Lester Templin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all members present. Minutes of the 6/15 meeting were approved as written, motioned by Brian, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners confirmed the surplus auction has been rescheduled to Thurs. June 25th at 4:00 p.m. at the County Highway Department. Commissioners reviewed the Treasurer's Monthly report, Weights and Measures annual report for the state and the Jail/Memorial Hall custodian hours. They noted a letter from the City of Wabash indicating the annexation hearing on County Farm property has been rescheduled for July 13th at 7:30 p.m. Commissioners will keep the repaired 220 line window air conditioner for future needs, since there isn't a 220 line upstairs, and repair one due to go in the surplus sale for the Clerk's small claims backroom. The courthouse custodian will ask Terry Parrett if he would replace two windows in the Surveyor's office. In response to a request for clarification from our health insurance carrier, BENICOMP, Commissioners ruled to include coverage of prescription contraceptives as part of the employee benefits, motioned by Brian, second by Darle, and passed. Chairman, Lester Templin called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all members part of the employee benefits, motioned by Brian, second by Darle, and passed.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway dept.: They're starting calcium application today. Mowing is nearly completed for the second time. All paperwork involving the Odgen Road project is completed. Noted there is a water problem on Elliott Road at Co. Line west. He doesn't have a solution yet, but he's discussed the problem with the Surveyor's office. Larry noted there's some confusion as to who is responsible for closing gates on roads near the reservoirs when they are flooded. The Corp. of Engineers, the Dept. of Natural Resources and the Co. Highway are involved, and one needs to be responsible for closing the gates for safety. Mississinewa and Salamonie don't follow the same policy. Larry is to contact Senator Harold "Potch" Wheeler for advice.

Public Purchasing Policy: Deadline for a new policy is July 1, 1998. Commissioners will be designated as the purchasing agency, with department heads as purchasing agents and a named designee in their absence. Commissioner Attorney, Tom Mattern, will prepare a form for approval next week.

With no further business, Commissioners worked on budgets for next year.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor