

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES 5-19-97

THE COMMISSIONERS MET IN THE COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 301 S. BRANSON STREET, MARION, INDIANA 46953 ON MAY 19, 1997 AT 8:30 A.M.

IN ATTENDANCE WERE COMMISSIONERS RICHARD PUCKETT AND WALTER WOOD, COUNTY AUDITOR JUDY CARMICHAEL, HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT JOHN WEBSTER, SGT. MARK FLORENCE AND CAPTAIN MIKE BACK OF THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT, COUNCILMAN PAUL BAKER, JEFF SCOTT, RANDY McPIKE OF WBAT AND HENRY HOENIG OF THE CHRONICLE-TRIBUNE.

PRESIDENT RICHARD PUCKETT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 8:30 A.M.

WALTER WOOD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND TO APPROVE THE CURRENT CLAIMS AND THE CURRENT PAYROLL. DICK PUCKETT SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT, JOHN WEBSTER, REPORTED THE DEPARTMENT WAS BERMING, PATCHING, PICKING UP TRASH, AND WAITING FOR WARM WEATHER TO START PAVING COUNTY ROADS.

SGT. MARK FLORENCE OF THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT SPOKE REQUESTING TO PURCHASE A NEW METAL DETECTOR FOR THE COURT HOUSE. HE STATED THE METAL DETECTOR THAT IS CURRENTLY IN USE WAS RETIRED FROM UNITED STATES MARSHAL SERVICES AND HAS NO SERVICE CONTRACT. A QUOTE, PRESENTED BY EG&G ASTROPHYSICS, WAS FOR \$3500. SGT. FLORENCE STATED THE COUNTY CURRENTLY HAS THREE HAND HELD DETECTORS AND THAT THIS WALK THROUGH NEEDS TO BE COMPATIBLE. WALTER WOOD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A SENTRIE LC METAL DETECTOR FROM EG&G ASTROPHYSICS AT A COST OF \$3500. DICK PUCKETT SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

CAPTAIN MIKE BACK STATED THAT THE JAIL ON FRIDAY, MAY 16TH, HAD 292 INMATES AND THAT TODAY, MAY 19TH, IT HOUSES 276 INMATES. HE ALSO REPORTED THAT THE INMATES ARE CONTINUING TO WORK VERY HARD ON THE DEMOLITION OF THE COUNTY COMPLEX.

JEFF SCOTT, REPRESENTING GEORGE JR. REPUBLIC OF PENNSYLVANIA, GAVE A FORMAL REQUEST TO OBTAIN 2 ACRES OF LAND OWNED BY THE COUNTY ON GARTHWAITE ROAD NEAR WALNUT CREEK MANOR. HE STATED GEORGE JR. WOULD BUILD 2 COTTAGES, HOLDING 8 JUVENILES EACH, ON THIS GROUND. HE EXPLAINED THIS WOULD BRING INCOME TO GRANT COUNTY, AND WOULD SAVE GRANT COUNTY MONEY CURRENTLY BEING SENT TO HOUSE JUVENILES AT GEORGE JR. IN PENNSYLVANIA. HE GAVE A TIME FRAME OF APPROXIMATELY 4 TO 6 MONTHS TO HAVE THIS UP AND RUNNING, IF BUILDING COULD START IN JUNE. WALTER WOOD MADE A MOTION TO EXTEND TO GEORGE JUNIOR REPUBLIC THE LAND SUFFICIENT TO BUILD TWO COTTAGES AND TO PROCEED TO GET GROUND SUBDIVIDED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE WALNUT CREEK FACILITY. DICK PUCKETT SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

COUNCILMAN PAUL BAKER ASKED IF GEORGE JR. HAD TO OWN THE LAND TO BUILD THE COTTAGES HERE. JEFF SCOTT ANSWERED THAT THEY PREFERRED TO OWN THE LAND.

THE MEETING RECESSED AT 8:46 A.M.