

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
JUNE 25, 1997

THE COMMISSIONERS WERE IN OPEN SESSION BEGINNING AT 9:00 AM. ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 1997. COMMISSIONERS DICK PUCKETT AND WALTER WOOD AND AUDITOR JUDY CARMICHAEL WERE PRESENT.

WALT WOOD ANNOUNCED THAT BEFORE HE CAME TO THE OFFICE HE HAD SPOKEN WITH AREA PLAN DIRECTOR CLAY GILLEY TO ASK HIM TO INCLUDE IN HIS 1998 BUDGET A REQUEST FOR A POSITION FOR A "NUISANCE ABATEMENT OFFICER" AND WHATEVER THAT POSITION WOULD NEED IN LEGAL FEES OR SUPPLIES. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR LEGAL FEES.

AN MCI REPRESENTATIVE WAS PRESENT AND STATED SHE HAD SPOKEN WITH DAVID GLICKFIELD AND WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A PRESENTATION SHOWING HOW MCI COULD SAVE GRANT COUNTY MONEY TO THE COMMISSIONERS. SHE WAS TOLD TO SPEAK WITH JAY WALTERS.

THE 9:00 AM. APPOINTMENT WAS SCHEDULED FOR THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. JACK SADLER, A REPRESENTATIVE OF INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE, SPOKE PROMOTING A SEMINAR ON THE "POWER OF CREATIVE THINKING". HE STATED THE COST WAS \$99.00 PER PERSON OR FOR A GROUP OF 25 TO 35 PEOPLE IT WOULD BE A FLAT FEE OF \$2200. AND FOR A GROUP OF 40 TO 50 THE FLAT FEE WOULD BE \$3000. THE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY, JULY 16TH, FROM 8:00 AM. TO 12:00 AM. IN MARION PUBLIC LIBRARY'S CONFERENCE ROOM B. MR. SADLER LEFT THE OFFICE AT 9:45.

THE COMMISSIONERS AND AUDITOR WALKED TO THE IROQUOIS BUILDING TO VISIT THE EXTENSION OFFICE. LINDA GARRINGER TOOK THE GROUP THROUGH THE OFFICE AND EXPLAINED A LOT OF THE PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES OFFERED BY THE EXTENSION OFFICE. SHE STATED SHE HAD TALKED WITH CINDY VIRONET ABOUT SOME PROGRAMS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO WORK WITH DETENTION CHILDREN. MR. WOOD ASKED HER TO CONTACT THE NEWSPAPER FOR SOME PUBLICITY ON HER PROGRAMS. SHE MENTIONED THE ARTICLE THAT PHIL GREENBURG HAS IN THE CHRONICLE ON A REGULAR BASIS, AND STATED THAT THE SMALL TOWN NEWSPAPERS ARE GOOD TO PRINT THINGS FOR HER OFFICE, BUT THAT SHE GOT VERY LITTLE CO-OPERATION FROM THE CHRONICLE. HE ASKED HER TO TRY AGAIN. AT 10:30 THE GROUP RETURNED TO THE CITY BUILDING.

AT 10:30 TARA DAVIDSON AND ANGELA DOSS REPRESENTING THE HUMANE SOCIETY MET WITH THE GROUP IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM.

ANGELA DOSS STATED THE CONVERSATION BY TELLING DAVID THAT TOM SISSON AND DAVE HOMER WANTED TO TALK WITH HIM ABOUT THE ANIMAL ORDINANCE. TARA DAVIDSON PRESENTED A "MIS" REPORT FROM WASHINGTON D.C. ON ANIMAL CONTROL. SHE ASKED THE COMMISSIONERS TO READ IT CAREFULLY AS IT HAS MANY GOOD IDEAS, AND STATED THAT SHE HAD DONE THE WORK FOR THEM, AND MADE IT EASY FOR THEM.

SHE SUGGESTED THAT THE HUMANE SOCIETY BE ALLOWED TO SELL THE DOG TAGS (LICENSE) STATING THAT THE MONEY EARNED FROM THAT WOULD HELP DEFRAY THE COST OF RUNNING THE KENNELS. JUDY CARMICHAEL STATED THAT THE DOG TAGS WERE SOLD BY THE TOWNSHIP ASSESSORS AND TRUSTEES. TARA SAID "THEN WHY CAN TIPPECANOE AND ALLEN COUNTIES HANDLE IT THAT WAY?"

TARA ALSO STATED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION COST WOULD RAISE DUE TO THE INCREASE IN PAPERWORK, AND THAT ANOTHER PERSON WOULD BE NEEDED TO WORK IN THE KENNELS. SHE SUGGESTED THE COUNTY TRY USING THE HUMANE SOCIETY FOR 30 TO 60 DAYS. TARA ALSO STATED THAT THEY HAD

SOMEONE WELDING SOME OLD FENCING TOGETHER TO HELP WITH THE COST. THEY ARE REQUESTING \$3800. TO PAY FOR 10 CAGES FOR THE COUNTY'S USE.

ANGELA SAID THE HUMANE SOCIETY HANDLES APPROXIMATELY 1200 ANIMALS A YEAR WITH ONLY A 11% RECLAIM AVERAGE.

WALT SAID THE COMMISSIONERS NEED TO DELAY SIGNING THE ORDINANCE THAT COUNTY ATTORNEY GENE JOHNSON PREPARED FOR THE DOG WARDEN POSITION UNTIL THIS MATTER IS DECIDED. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE COUNTY IS GOING TO KEEP THE FREEZER.

TARA STATED THAT SHE BELIEVES SOME OF JOE'S SALARY SHOULD BE TAKEN FROM HIM AND GIVEN TO THE HUMANE SOCIETY. SHE STATED THAT PICKING UP THE ANIMAL IS ONLY A THIRD OF THE WORK. THEY WOULD BE DOING THE OTHER TWO THIRDS OF THE WORK. HE HAS CONTRACTS FOR CATS AND IS MAKING MORE THAT THE \$20,000. SOME SHOULD DEFINITELY COME OUT OF HIS POCKET.

TARA AND ANGELA LEFT AT 11:15

DICK PUCKETT STATED THAT HE WAS NOT AGAINST THE HUMANE SOCIETY HOUSING THE ANIMALS BUT THAT HE IS DEFINITELY AGAINST PUTTING ANY MONEY INTO THEIR KENNELS.

WALT STATED HE WANTED THEM OUT OF JOE'S BARN BUT DIDN'T WANT TO SPEND THE MONEY.

DAVID LOER SAID THEY HAD GIVEN THE TOWN MARSHAL GUIDANCE ON ENFORCING THE SPEED LIMIT.

MR. WEBSTER REPORTED THAT WHEN THEY WERE CHECKING THE INTERSECTION, THEY FOUND 28 VEHICLES DOING THE CORRECT SPEED LIMIT AND 45 SPEEDING.

ARZELLA SUGGESTED PUTTING UP "DANGEROUS INTERSECTION" SIGNS AS A WARNING OF THE HAZARDOUS INTERSECTION.

WALT WOOD MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT JOHN WEBSTER'S REPORT AND CHANGE THE SPEED LIMIT TO 30 MILE PER HOUR ON WHEELING PIKE, TO PUT UP A FLASHING LIGHT AT THE INTERSECTION OF MASSACHUSETTS AND WHEELING, AND TO POST DANGEROUS INTERSECTION SIGNS. DICK PUCKETT SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

THE MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 9:02 AM.