

COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MARCH 30, 1998

THE COMMISSIONERS MET IN THE CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MARION MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 301 S. BRANSON STREET, MARION, INDIANA 46952, ON MARCH 30, 1998 AT 9:00 A.M.

IN ATTENDANCE WERE COMMISSIONERS DICK PUCKETT AND WALTER WOOD, COUNTY ATTORNEY BRUCE ELLIOTT, AUDITOR JUDY CARMICHAEL, COUNTY ENGINEER IRVING MILLER, HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT JOHN WEBSTER, COUNCILMAN JOE ISAACS, ANNE TILLET OF AREA PLAN, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR FRANK BIDDLE, COMPLEX PROJECT MANAGER TOM PERRY AND RANDY McPIKE OF WBAT.

DICK PUCKETT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:03 AM.

WALT WOOD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 23, 1998 AND TO APPROVE THE CURRENT CLAIMS AND THE CURRENT PAYROLL. DICK PUCKETT SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

JOHN WEBSTER REPORTED ON THE 84TH ANNUAL ROAD SCHOOL HELD AT PURDUE UNIVERSITY LAST WEEK. ITEMS OF INTEREST THAT HE REPORTED ON WERE THAT A PROPOSED NEW FEDERAL HIGHWAY BILL COULD INCREASE THE RETURN FROM 78 CENTS TO 90 OR 91 CENTS ON EACH \$1.00 SPENT, A NEW WAY OF DISPOSAL FOR ANIMALS, AND A 17 MILE STRETCH OF HIGHWAY WITH 142 BRIDGES IN SALT LAKE CITY THAT IS BEING BUILT AT A COST OF 1 1/2 BILLION DOLLARS WITH \$50 MILLION IN BONUSES.

MR. WEBSTER ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE BEAMS ARE SET ON BRIDGE #181 IN MIER AND THAT THE CONCRETE WOULD BE POURED TODAY, AND ALSO THAT THE PROJECT MANAGER ON THE "D" STREET BRIDGE HAD AN EMERGENCY OPERATION SLOWING THAT PROJECT DOWN, BUT THAT HE WAS TO RETURN TO WORK, AND THE SLAB FOR THE WALKWAY WOULD BE POURED THIS WEEK.

COUNTY ENGINEER IRVING MILLER STATED THAT THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE EACH HAD PASSED HIGHWAY BILLS TO RENEW THE BILL THAT EXPIRES MAY 1, 1998, BUT THAT THOSE BILLS WOULD BE COMBINED AND WOULD NEED THE PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE BEFORE BEING EFFECTIVE. A FEDERAL AIDE PROJECT ON 400E THAT WAS SCHEDULED FOR LETTING THIS APRIL HAS BEEN REMOVED FROM THE LIST.

FRANK BIDDLE SPOKE REQUESTING HELP FROM THE COMMISSIONERS ON PURCHASING A NEW ANTENNA TO REPLACE THE ONE THAT WAS REMOVED FROM THE COMPLEX ROOF. HE STATED HE HAD QUOTES OF \$1100 AND \$2500. TOM PERRY MENTIONED THAT THERE COULD BE MONEY LEFT IN THE COMMUNICATIONS BUDGET AND THAT MOOREHEAD COULD POSSIBLY WIRE FOR THE ANTENNA NOW. DICK PUCKETT MADE A MOTION STATING THAT A PURCHASE OF A NEW ANTENNA WAS APPROVED WITH FUNDING EITHER FROM THE COMPLEX COMMUNICATIONS BUDGET OR THAT THE COMMISSIONERS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WOULD EACH PAY HALF FROM THEIR BUDGETS. WALT WOOD SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

COUNTY ATTORNEY BRUCE ELLIOTT PRESENTED AN ORDINANCE FOR ABANDONED VEHICLES AND A SUBDIVISION REQUEST LIST FROM THE AREA PLAN DEPARTMENT THAT HE HAS APPROVED FOR THE COMMISSIONERS TO LOOK OVER AND TAKE ACTION ON AT A FUTURE MEETING.

TOM PERRY REPORTED THAT THERE HAS BEEN PERSONNEL CHANGES THAT HAS SPED UP THE WORK ON THE ELEVATORS, AND THAT EVERYTHING ELSE IS MOVING ALONG ACCORDING TO SCHEDULES. HE ASKED THE COMMISSIONERS TO HOLD ONE CHANGE ORDER FOR FURTHER REVIEW AND STATED THAT THE OTHER CHANGE ORDER COULD BE APPROVED.

WALT WOOD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A CHANGE ORDER FOR BOWMANS CONSTRUCTION FOR \$2700. DICK PUCKETT SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE MOTION CARRIED.

WALT WOOD ASKED TOM TO LOOK OVER THE PAPERWORK FOR THE JOHNSON CONTROL'S PERFORMANCE CONTRACT AND TO ATTEND A MEETING WITH JOHNSON'S ON APRIL 3, 1998 AT 9:00 A.M.

WALT WOOD ALSO ASKED MR. PERRY TO START ACTION TO INSTALL VENTS IN THE THE BACKROOM OF THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE FOR THE MAP MACHINE. JUDY CARMICHAEL STATED SHE WAS STILL TRYING TO FIND A MACHINE TO REPLACE THE AMMONIA MACHINE BUT HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO FIND ONE THAT WOULD COPY THREE LEVELS AT ONE TIME. MR. WOOD STATED HE THOUGHT THE OFFICES SHOULD BE VENTED ANYWAY AND INSTRUCTED MR. PERRY TO HAVE THAT DONE.

THE MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 9:36 A.M. AND IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE NEXT MEETING WOULD BE A BID LETTING AT 10:00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 1998.