

April 19, 1999
Special Meeting

Chairman, Ted Little, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Conference room of the courthouse, with all Council members present. Also present were all three County Commissioners, Sheriff Tim Roberts, E-911 Coordinator, Sandi Beeks, Plan Commissioner, Chad Dilling and Emergency Management director, Paul Bergman. GTE representatives, Tamara Brown and Jeannie Wooley attended, to present information on upgrading E-911 equipment for year 2000 (Y2K) compliance and cellular phone tracking. Our current Hewlett Packard Vectra hardware and software system was purchased in 1991, and paid off in 1998. It isn't Y2K compliant, and maintenance won't support it next year. The new proposal allows the county to either lease or purchase the new equipment, much of which will be on site at GTE. Commissioners assured Ted they were supportive of the plan, and Commissioner Haupert, said regardless of how we pay (lease or buy), updating thru GTE is the most economically feasible, as we're already using their equipment. Sheriff Roberts feels comfortable with the equipment being housed at GTE with no in house hardware at the Sheriff's department, because of Sandi Beeks' rapport with GTE representatives. Mr. Dilling has concerns about losing residence locations and addresses once a phone is removed. It's been a problem in the past, and he hopes back-up tapes will continue with the new program to keep track of residences. Ms Wooley will look into that possibility. Once the new router is installed by GTE, and our new equipment is in place, we are eligible to receive reimbursement payments for cellular phone reception thru the system. Currently, cellular bills include a monthly surcharge of \$.65, an estimated \$1,700. per month for Wabash Co. once our equipment is compliant. Rich Pepple moved for Council support of purchasing the equipment for \$62,177.28, plus maintenance for four years, since funds are available in the E-911 funds. Second by Paul Sites, and passed by all Council members. Formal approval will be made at the next regular meeting on June 7th. Circuit Court Judge, Dan Vanderpool, answered questions about his April request for funds to purchase a new copy machine for the upstairs Clerk's office. Disallowed by the Council at that time, Vanderpool says the current machine is heavily used, and needs repaired about every 2-3 weeks. Council would rather see new equipment in the capital outlay account of department budgets, and made no decision on the matter. With no further business, Rich moved to adjourn, second by Gene Schenkel, and passed.

/s/ Ted A. Little /s/ Leon Ridenour /s/ Gary Nose /s/ Paul Sites
/s/ Richard Pepple /s/ Robert Whitesel /s/ Eugene Schenkel

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor