Council Chairman, Robert Whitesel, called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. with Leon Ridenour absent. Eugene Schenkel shared a prayer, and minutes of the 2/22 meeting were approved as written, moved by Richard Pepple, second by Ted Little, and carried. Council postponed an appointment to the Wabash Economic Development Commission, until they learn more about the commission and its responsibilities. Attorney, David Magley, is to prepare the appointment forms. Council learned Bob, Commissioner, Brian Haupert, WEDCOR's Bill Bradley, and Tom Peterson with Ice Miller Donadio & Ryan, got approval from the State Board of Tax Commissioners to proceed with the bond issue on 3/23/00. Project bids will be accepted until April 17th, and construction is set to begin the week of May 8th. Brian reports they're negotiating a snag in the Urbana Drainage project. The rail road is balking on granting permission to bore under the tracks, and pay for the work. Brian also responded to a question from Gary Nose about progress on obtaining right-of-way grants to proceed with the Old State Rd. 15 South project. About half of the property owners have cooperated, and Commissioners will meet with Butler Fairman & Seufert engineers next week to discuss the next step. If property owners continue to impede progress, the project could be scrapped.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE III

AMOUNT AMOUNT AYE NAY REQUESTED APPROVED

County General

Sheriff

174 Personal Services (pension funds) \$41,407. 0. Sheriff Roberts withdrew the request for now. Co. Clerk, Jo Ann Hettmansperger, reports 30% of court costs stay in the county and 70% go to the state. The Sheriff gets \$12.00 (IC: 33-19-7-7) from these court costs for every service of process claim presented to the Co. Auditor. This money is to be used for the pension fund. Clerk's court costs go into the County General Fund, and there is con-fusion about getting the needed funds into the pension fund. A poll of Miami, Grant and Huntington counties indicated the Sheriff has a line item in his budget for the pension fund. The Auditor is to confer with the State Board of Accounts for a definitive answer. County Corrections $\ \ \,$ 13,355.41 13,355.41 441 Capital Outlay (phone system) ment approval was given at 1/24 meeting. Sheriff Roberts says it's a great system. Local Health Maintenance

118 Personal Services (pt. time nurse) 3,000. 3,000. 6 0 Gene moved approval of appropriating the funds from the cigarette tax monies for part time help during busy times and vacations, second by Rich, and carried. This is in addition to \$1,400. already in the 2000 budget for part time nurse help. Gene moved approval of form 144 for Salaries and Wages, second by Ted, and passed. With no further business, Gary moved to adjourn, second by Ted, and passed by all.

/s/ Robert Whitesel /s/ Eugene Schenkel

/s/ Richard Pepple
/s/ Gary Nose

/s/ Ted Little /s/ Paul Sites

ATTEST:

Carol Stefanatos, Auditor