

January 25, 1999

Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order in the courthouse with all members attending. Minutes of the 1/19 meeting were approved as written, moved by Les, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim and Allowance Docket, and the Payroll Check Register. They reviewed the BENICOMP Insurance monthly report. Les moved to approve the bond for J. Dean Gifford, second by Darle, and passed.

Steve Weintraut, structural engineer with Butler, Fairman and Seufert, advised the Carroll Street bridge is structurally safe to use, but suggested a plugged inlet needs cleared, and a damaged metal plate should be repaired and covered. Hopefully, the bids will be let in August. He also noted the overall Bridge Inspection is complete, and nothing needs immediate attention.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Says about 20 roads were under water, some of them impassable. He will get a new sander box for the dump truck. He says Local Road & Street funds may be used to buy trucks. He will submit an additional appropriation request from Local Road & Street to pay the bill for the study done by Bernardin, Lochmueller and Associates on CR 450 W and CR 1200 S, in the amount of \$952.60. Larry says repairs have begun on the highway barn.

Toni Pitchford explained the necessity of, and the procedures for, Census 2000. Forms will be mailed in March of 2000, and April 1, 2000 is Census day. She explained the amount of federal monies returned locally, and the number of House Representatives and district locations in each state, are based on this count. She encouraged local officials to get involved, and encourage people to complete and return the questionnaires.

Tom Mattern, Commissioner Attorney, had a deed for Commissioners to sign. It's to the City of Wabash for a parcel formerly owned by Bobby Widmeyer. Tom hasn't had a response from the insurance company in the Barshney case, so he will enter an appearance to extend the time. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian Hauptert, Chairman

Darle Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor