

May 20, 2002

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 5/13 meeting were approved with a correction, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed, with Brian abstaining. The possible road damage from a faulty drain is on CR 400 E between CR 1000 N and CR 1100 N, rather than CR 450 E as stated. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket, the Payroll Check Register and the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. They reviewed the Clerk and Treasurer's April reports and the Weights and Measures monthly report. Brian signed approval to release unused funds from the 5311 Transportation grant for 2002. Deb Schneider, project coordinator said the \$753. could be deobligated. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, reports Judge Vanderpool set November 19 and 20 to hear the Old Road 15 S right-of-way suit. Judge Vanderpool will rule later on Tom's request for a bench trial rather than a jury trial. Tom and the Commissioners don't think the judge's suggestion of mediation would work. Commissioner Dawes and property owner, Bill Mitting, also attended the 5/15 meeting. John Speidel, Jr. with Butler, Fairman & Seufert, says the IN Dept. of Transportation has both successes and failures in the courts, regarding their guidelines for road right-of-way. John also reports appraisals for additional ground needed by the county should be done by month's end, based on fair market values. Bid letting on Old 15 S will have to be postponed until the court resolution in November. Mr. Mattern talked with a Dept. of Commerce (DOC) representative who says the contract for the Servia water project is a standard form, meeting federal requirements, and can't be altered. After talking with the DOC and Sarah Reyman with the Rural Communities Assistance program, Tom feels there is little risk to the county for unexpected responsibilities in the engineering phase of this project. Sarah says she does the majority of the paperwork, with a little help from the Co. Auditor. The environmental review mentioned in the contract is included in the grant expenses. Brian signed the agreement between the county and the DOC. Commissioners approved two claim requests from Prosecutor, Alfred Plummer, who says the money will come from Prosecutor incentive funds rather than county general funds. He will attend a continuing education course in California and two of his staff will attend a national IV-D conference in New Orleans.

Larry Rice & Phil Amones, Co. Highway Dept. Commissioners signed notification letters for proposed road closures in Lagro Township. Larry Dale, manager of the property across the road from Bob Bartoo on CR 300 N has given written approval for Bartoo to tie into his tile. The county will dig up the tile under CR 400 E between CR 1000 N and CR 1100 N. If it's bad, the county will absorb the cost, if not, Dean Hauptert will pay. Lennie Stout has given approval for the county to ditch along his property, in an attempt to relieve the water problem for Phil Schlemmer on Rd. 15 N. Commissioners tentatively set Friday, June 28th at 4:00 P.M. for the annual surplus auction. After review of truck and equipment bids, Phil recommends buying one truck from Denney Motor Sales and one from Erik's Chevrolet, Kokomo. Wabash Sterling Ford of Indianapolis was the low bidder, but choosing them means trips to Indianapolis for repairs and stocking Sterling parts locally. Denney's is the third lowest bidder, behind Circle City GMC, Indianapolis, followed by Erik's, who offers a heavier duty rear axle. After discussion, Les moved to accept the two bids from Denney's at \$57,664.00 and \$58,030.00, second by Darle, and passed. For equipment, Phil recommends one unit from W.A. Jones Company and one from Deeds Equipment. Both Jones and Deeds meet specifications, while the Clark Equipment bid doesn't include installation costs for installing the county's blade, and Northern Equipment doesn't meet requirements. The Deeds quote for the truck with trailer air brakes, looks like better, stronger equipment. Darle moved to accept the Deeds quote of \$25,989.00 and the W.A. Jones quote of \$25,973.00, for all equipment for the cab and chassis, second by Les, and passed.

Tim Roberts, Sheriff: 93 in jail this morning, but 3 are moving to the Dept. of Corrections today. Tim says that a 1994 ordinance passed by Commissioners, required inmates to pay \$10.00 toward each medical expense. The general assembly has increased that fee to \$15.00 per trip as per IC: 11-12-5-5b. Les moved to amend the ordinance to reflect the increased fee of \$15.00, second by Darle, and passed. Tim has found mapping errors in the Reverse 911 system, and will notify the software company of the problems by certified mail. He's working with Emergency Management director, Bob Brown, on this matter. Tim says the maps may be 75% correct, but who wants to be in the incorrect 25%.

Liberty Township Road Closures: With no objectors present, Darle moved to close a portion of CR 100 E, second by Les, and passed. Joe Sutton, Sutton Farms, asked Commissioners to leave CR 850 S as an unimproved road because the potential division of the farm among heirs, may leave CR 850 S as the only access for some. Les moved to close CR 850 S as only one of the seven affected property owners objected, second by Darle, and passed. CR 1000 S runs right thru Max Florek's property, and he'd like to see it closed. With no objections, Les moved to close a portion of CR 1000 S, second by Darle, and passed. David Ridenour farms the Ethel Jenkins property and if CR 200 E is closed, he won't have any access to the farm property. Nancy Radabaugh, an area owner, would support farm ground access. Les moved to take the decision under advisement until they have a measurement of what portion needs open for farming access, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners will announce their decision on May 28th at 1:00 P.M.

Judicial Center: Tanya Zoellner and Mike Murphy with Pyramid Architects/Engineers report the Kellam Construction contract is completed and retainage in the amount of \$4,018.20 may be released. Premier Commercial Services has gone bankrupt, but they do have a performance bond. Hold all their retainage funds, as the outstanding bills will exceed the retainage funds. Dane Architecture hasn't cleaned the windows as required, nor have they billed recently. Tag Coating hasn't completed all work, but retainage is being held. K & M Floor Coverings didn't get their claim submitted in time for this payment. Les moved to approve pay application # 24 in the amount of \$15,683.67, of which \$8,081.05 is retainage funds, second by Darle, and passed. Mike says railings in the courtrooms should be installed Memorial Day week-end, and corridor benches will arrive this week or next. Les says the water heater on the Clerk's floor is still leaking and the carpet around it is ruined. Toilet tissue dispensers in the restrooms are flimsy, and are pulling out of the walls. Mike reminds problems need to be forwarded to him. Commissioners agreed to split the cost of the \$4400. transformer with the Clerk, since it's for both her dumbwaiter and meeting the Clerk's electrical needs for computer systems. Mike says the register air for the heating system is 90 degrees, as it should be for a heat pump system. Mike suggests adding radiant heating panels to the ceiling of the basement in an attempt to make it warmer. He says installation of seven of these would cost about \$5,000. Darle thinks the courthouse basement should have had its own system rather than being controlled by first floor thermostats. Mike said that would have been more expensive. Darle wants the project completed, Mike says to shoot for May 31st. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor