

August 9, 2004

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 8/2 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. They reviewed the July Financial Report, the Clerk's July Report and the Benicomp Insurance July Report. They did not act on a request from Bowen Center for a letter of support regarding Bowen's application to the Indiana Dept. of Commerce Community Development Division for grant funds to construct a new facility in Warsaw. Brian moved to appoint Les to the wage scale hearing for the LaFontaine Water Transmission Line project, set for 8/11/04 at 11:00 A.M. in the courthouse, second by Darle, and passed. Les moved to sign Resolution 2004-V, authorizing Beverly Ferry, Executive Director of the Wabash Co. Council on Aging to apply for, and administer, the 5311 Transportation grant, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners had approved the grant application last week, and the resolution is a part of the application. Commissioners reviewed contracts presented by Simplex/Grinnell representative, John Schumacher, for monitoring the Judicial Center fire alarm system for \$396.00 a year, and for state required annual testing and inspection of the fire alarm system at \$1,120. a year. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, said both contracts have clauses indicating the county indemnifies, holds harmless, and agrees to defend Simplex/Grinnell against all losses pertinent to the contract. Both Tom and the Commissioners are concerned about this clause, and the Auditor will ask Mr Schumacher to meet with Commissioners, again. Mr Mattern reported the AIA contract with D.T. Construction for Memorial Hall renovation is a standard form, except there are references to articles from another document that aren't included. It's signed by Dennis McKee as President, and there isn't a start or completion date listed. Commissioners said they have received a construction schedule, so Les moved to sign the contract, and ask the architect, Scearce & Rudisel about the referenced pages, second by Darle, and passed. Bob Brown, EMA director, says the 800 MHz radios have arrived and been distributed. He's going to have an agreement for maintenance and insurance of the radios with units that have them, because officially they belong to EMA. Commissioners agree they should be insured. His department will participate in Public Safety Day at the No. Manchester Fun Fest, and provide help throughout the festival.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: There are 106 miles of chip & seal completed, and progress continues. He will explore possibilities for the stone placed around the sale barn at the fairgrounds, and talk with Dean White. There's not room to get his equipment between the buildings, and if the grindings were rolled when they were placed, they were cold. The state has approved plans, and bids will be let in January of 2005 for Br. # 13 on Mississinewa Rd. over the Mississinewa River. Engineer estimates would put the Co. share at \$241,955.00. The state has approved a supplemental engineering agreement for Old Rd. 15 S work, but Larry is concerned it's titled as Phase I, incorrectly. John Speidel, Jr. with Butler, Fairman & Seufert Engineers (BF&S), presented contracts for the above items. First, a Construction Engineering contract for Br. # 13 in the amount of \$130,000. The fee is 12.5% of the total project cost of \$1,040, 000.00, and the county is responsible for 20% of the cost. Larry had been given a higher figure for the engineering, but Speidel says go with the contract amount, as there's likely 2.5% figured in the LPA agreement with the county. Les moved to sign the contract for \$130,000.00, second by Darle, and passed. John also had the 4th supplemental agreement for Old Rd. 15 S, titled as Phase I, but covering all three phases, and attached to the final phase, Phase II. The state has approved an additional \$203,944.00 for engineering services for BF&S, due to the extended length of the project. The county will pay 20% of the fee. Les moved to approve supplement # 4, second by Darle, and passed. Speidel says right-of-way acquisition should be done by December for Phase II, and bid letting should be in April 2005. Commissioners and Larry were still hoping for a fall bid, so utilities could make changes over the winter. Les asked Speidel about proposed compensation and repairs for a couple properties along Old 15 S, and John will get the information to Les.

Leroy Striker, Sheriff: There are 95 in jail this morning. The basement flooding last week was caused by the water softener, rather than an inmate flushing shoes, although that was done. Striker won't be seeking restitution from the inmate, and damage was minimal. Brian told Leroy there weren't funds available to remove the sidewalk and make angle parking on the north side of Main St. right now. Leroy will ask the City of Wabash to proceed with repairing the curb. With no further business, the meeting recessed.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor