

OCTOBER 18, 2004

Commissioner Vice Chairman, Darle Dawes, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with Brian Hauptert absent. Minutes of the 10/12 meeting were approved with a correction, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle, and passed. The bid letting date for bridge # 13 is Jan. 19, 2005 rather than Jan. 13th as indicated. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. They reviewed the Clerk's September Report and the Weights & Measures monthly report. Les moved to sign claim voucher # 3, submitted by Butler Fairman & Seufert Engineers (BF&S), in the amount of \$86,570.00, second by Darle, and passed. BF&S will submit the claim to IN Dept. of Transportation (INDOT) for reimbursement to the county on the DNR project on CR 950 S and CR 300 W. Commissioners also signed an Administrative Settlement Proposal for Ricky and Debbie Sweet property on the DNR project in the amount of \$2,750.00, as recommended by BF&S. Darle signed a letter to INDOT requesting approval to add Susan Wood as a buyer, to speed up parcel acquisition on the DNR project. Commissioners reviewed and signed the 3rd quarter transportation voucher for Beverly Ferry of the Council on Aging. She says ridership is steady and the money is holding up, even with increased gas prices. They also signed the approved 5311 Transportation grant for 2005. The award amount is down \$4000.00 for 2005. Leroy Striker, Sheriff, reports there are 100 in jail this morning. They're working on repairing small leaks from the rubber roof. They crop up every time it rains. EMA director, Bob Brown, will attend a conference this week-end, and accept one or two awards for the local unit. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, reports he has prepared a letter for the drainage board, and hopes people won't misinterpret the explanation, and think the project is a done deal.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Phase III of Old Rd. 15 S isn't quite finished, but the retaining wall repairs at Treaty Creek should finish this week, if there aren't weather problems. Larry said Randy Airgood has petitioned for a road cut on CR 300 E, 1680 ft. south of CR 400 S. Majenica will do the work, placing an 8 inch, or smaller, tile across the road. He advised of the \$100.00 due the county for road maintenance. Les moved to approve the request, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners signed the Notices for Highway Supplies, that will be published. Larry says some problems have come up with the mowing tractor discussed last week, and he's re-thinking his recommendation to keep it.

Memorial Hall renovation for Probation: Chief of Probation, Dallas Duggan, hopes a Commissioner will attend the progress meeting at 1:00 P.M. today, and hopes to set a moving date today. Les said Brian advised him that existing interior doors will be repaired and used. Dallas thinks its a shame to use the damaged doors in the renovated offices. Les said Brian is working on securing the north door, and making it an emergency exit, only. Dallas met with people about security locks on some interior doors.

Wabash Fire Dept. radios: Chief, Dean Weaver and Assistant Chief, Bobby Mullett originally requested \$4330.00 from E-911 funds to replace their base radio system. Since that meeting with the 911 Board, they have received an insurance check for \$1,000.00, so now are only asking for \$3330.00. Les moved support of the request, second by Darle, and passed. The Auditor will schedule them for the 10/25 Co. Council meeting. With no other business, the meeting recessed.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor