

November 24, 1997

Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order in the Courthouse at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 11/17 meeting were approved as written, motioned by Les second by Brian and passed. Commissioners signed a form 144 to encumber funds for Dick Smith longevity and reviewed his hours. They also reviewed the health insurance monthly report.

Larry Rice, County Highway: Larry says it's okay to approve the NIPSCO request to install a gas line along and under CR 300 W, starting 1024 feet south of St. Rd. 114 and going south for 2500 feet. Commissioners signed the agreement. Larry reported a combine hit bridge # 32 on CR 900 S, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile west of CR 800 E. It broke off the head wall, and he placed a temporary guard rail. It's over the Wilson- Wertenberger ditch and was already in need of replacement before the incident. Larry doesn't know who hit it. Terry Keffaber and Dan Vanderpool are having standing water problems on their properties. Problem may be surrounding higher ground belonging to Tom Klare. Larry will do more investigating. Larry says road signage specifications have changed, and within the next 15 years, the number and letter size must be changed from 4 inches to 6 inches. Also, some signs county road indications may be included with traffic signs. He will start making changes as he makes needed replacements, and as money allows.

Commissioners signed an agreement for a road cut on CR 850 N west of CR 180 E. County will supply the materials at a cost of \$10.00 per foot.

Mary Ellen Rudisel, Searce and Associates: She is concerned about Christmas lights on the tower scratching the paint, since the old brackets were removed. She and Atlas Industries will try to resolve the matter. Les has talked to Atlas, too, and Brian has talked to them concerning several matters. Mary Ellen also made arrangements for the Commissioners and others to visit the newly renovated Greensburg courthouse on December 17th.

Bob Luce, Butler, Fairman & Seufert: Bob says the bid letting date for relocating the sewer line on the Carroll Street bridge is December 17, 1997, and he is expecting written approval from the state before then. Bob also noted regarding the right of way grant from the City of Wabash, that there is only one agreement, a permanent right of way, that the city needs to sign over to the county.

At 10:00 A.M., Les motioned to close the Highway Supply bids for 1998, second by Darle, and passed. The following quotes were received:

Item 1. STONE
Rock Industries, Peru, IN Stoneco, Inc., Bunker Hill, IN
Irving Materials, Inc., Huntington, IN (included a separate quote from Pipe Creek Jr. in Swayzee, IN.

Item 2. GRAVEL
Hogback Agrigates, Inc., Wabash, IN Siders & Son Gravel, Roann, IN
W & W Gravel Co., Roanoke, IN

Item 3. SAND
Hogback Agrigates, Inc., Wabash, IN Rock Industries, Inc., Peru, IN
W & W Gravel Co., Roanoke, IN

Item 4. LIQUID ASPHALT
Pierceton Equipment Co., Laketon, IN Koch Materials, Warsaw, IN
Seneca Petroleum Co., Michigan City, IN

Item 5. COLD MIX
Phend & Brown Co., Milford, IN Gaunt & Son Asphalt, Wabash, IN

Item 6. HOT ASPHALT
Phend & Brown Co., Milford, IN Gaunt & Son Asphalt, Wabash, IN

Item 7. GASOLINE
Petroleum Traders Corp., Ft. Wayne, IN J.M. Reynolds Oil Co., Wabash, IN
North Central Co-operative, Inc., Wabash, IN

Item 8. DIESEL FUEL
Petroleum Traders Corp., Ft. Wayne, IN J.M. Reynolds Oil Co., Wabash, IN
North Central Co-operative, Inc., Wabash, IN

Item 9. BRIDGE MATERIAL
American Timber Bridge & Culvert Co., Fishers, IN

Item 10. HIGH PERFORMANCE COLD MIX
Phend & Brown Co., Milford, IN

Item 11. BLADES
American Wire, Rope & Sling Co., Ft. Wayne, IN IMPCO Quality Wear Parts, Petersburg, IN

Item 12. CULVERT
Debco Metal Culverts, Francisville, IN St. Regis Culvert, Inc., Indpls., IN
Logansport Drainage Culvert Co., Logansport, IN EJP Midwest, Wabash, IN

Item 13. ROAD SIGNS
Hall Signs, Inc., Bloomington, IN MGI, Fairland, IN
Fishers Assoc. Sign & Post, Muncie, IN

Item 14. TIRES
No bids

Item 15. MOTOR Oil
North Central Co-operative, Wabash, IN Wagoners Fuel Co., Ft. Wayne, IN

Item 16. ROCK SALT
North American Salt Co., Overland Park, Kansas Cargill Salt, Inc., No Olmsted, Ohio
Morton International, Inc., Division of Morton Salt, Chicago, IL

Item 17. CALCIUM CHLORIDE
General Chemical Corp., Parsippany, NJ Pierceton Equipment Co., Laketon, IN

EQUIPMENT RENTAL
Beer & Slabaugh, Inc., Napanee, IN R.L. McCoy, Columbia City, IN
Phend & Brown Co., Milford, IN Hank's Construction Co., Wabash, IN
Gaunt & son Asphalt, Inc., Wabash, IN Siders & Son Gravel, Roann, IN
John T. Camden Construction, Pierceton, IN

Les motioned to take all bids under advisement, second by Darle and passed.

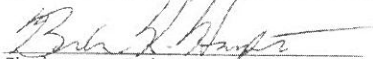
Les motioned to approve the vacation of part of an alley in Fred Maurer's Addition to Urbana, second by Darle and carried. The request was made by the Urbana Fire Department, and the correct procedures were followed. County Attorney, Tom Mattern, will prepare the vacation ordinance.

County Attorney, Mattern, presented completed Ordinance 97-6 which amends the speed limit on CR 950 S from St. Rd. 13 to Mississinewa Road to 45 mph. Commissioners signed the ordinance. Mr. Mattern also stated his research indicated it was alright to display the nativity scene on the courthouse lawn. This is a project of the Lions' Club. In regards to the question with overtime and "comp time", Tom reports state and federal regulations indicate people exempt from overtime would include elected officials, deputies, highway supervisor and assistant supervisor, unless there is a contract agreement indicating a specific job would take more than 8 hours to complete. Then overtime would be acceptable. Federal law indicates a "supervisory" position need not be a full time position. Hourly wage earners are due overtime when they have exceeded 40 hours in a week. Allowing "comp time" would be a policy decision under the jurisdiction of the Commissioners for county employees. The "exempt" employees would not be eligible for "comp time", either.


Flood Hazard Areas for Wabash County, Ordinance 97-5 was approved and signed by the Commissioners, motioned by Les, second by Darle and passed.

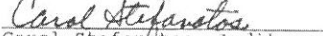
Tina Edwards, County Probation: Tina advised the Commissioners the county owned car used by her department needs replaced. It's a 1991 Taurus with 120,000 miles, and in need of major repairs. She requested permission to approach the County Council for permission to use her User Fee monies to replace the car. Commissioners suggested she get some estimates on purchase prices and trade in credit. Temporarily, she was granted permission for her department to use the car formerly used by the County Engineer.

County Engineer Applicants will be interviewed on January 20, 1998 at 1:00 P.M. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.


Chairman, Brian Hauptert


Darle Dawes


Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: 
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor