

November 17, 1997

Chairman, Brian Haupert, called the meeting to order in the Commissioners' room of the Courthouse with Darle Dawes absent. Minutes of the 11/10 meeting were approved as written, motioned by Les, second by Brian and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim and Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. Commissioners received responses from two applicants interested in interviewing for the County Engineer position. They will set an appointment time with them.

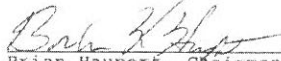
Larry Rice, Co. Highway Department: He will encumber funds to repair bridge # 908 by Camden Construction. There's \$12,000 in the account and he will encumber \$10,000. He also will request a transfer in the Cumulative Bridge fund of \$473. from bridge # 402 to bridge # 47, both of which are in Lagro township. Larry has received a petition to change YEILD signs to STOP signs on CR 1100N at the intersections of CR 650 E, CR 700 E and CR 800 E. Larry will get accident records from these intersections from Sheriff Roberts before a decision is made. Larry is waiting for written approval from Emmanuel Nsonwu, INDOT Development Specialist, indicating the state will honor the original agreement for work on CR 950 S from St. Rd. 13 to Mississinewa Road. Larry already has verbal agreement. As part of the agreement, Les motioned to amend the speed limit on that stretch to 45 mph, second by Brian, the motion carried. County Attorney, Tom Mattern, will prepare the ordinance.

Larry has received the signed agreement from the state regarding county take over of existing U.S. 24 East as phases of the new road are completed. Larry is waiting for drawings from Surveyor, John Stephens, on the Odgen Road project. Larry advised the Commissioners that the highway department Christmas party is Dec. 18th at 11:30 A.M.

no bid date has been set for sewer line removal, the City of Wabash has not yet signed and returned the right-of-way grant agreement to the county and Bob is urging state highway official Rick Whitney to approve the financial agreement for removal of the sewer line so the project can proceed.

Terry Hudson and Cindy Barrus asked Commissioners if a decision had been made on a "comp time" policy. Mr. Mattern is researching the federal guidelines. Terry also questioned the policy on longevity carryover from prior county employment. In regards to the promotion of a highway department employee to the position of mechanic, Commissioners agreed with Larry Rice's decision that the employee was well qualified for the position. No formal approval is necessary from the Commissioners.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.


Brian Haupert, Chairman

Darle Dawes


Lester D. Temple

ATTEST: 
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor