

October 27, 1997

Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order in the Courthouse with all members attending. Minutes of the 10/20 meeting were approved as written, motioned by Les, second by Darle and passed. Commissioners approved a bond for Circuit Court Reporter Nancy Corn, reviewed Jail/ Memorial Hall custodian hours, and reviewed and signed the Indiana Housing Finance Authority Community Development Block Grant Grantee Performance Report for July thru September, 1997.

Larry Rice, Highway Department: Commissioners signed a letter to INDOT Development Specialist, Emmanuel Nsonwu, concerning the DNR road project on CR 950 S. They have questions about why the project plan has been changed from the original agreement.

County Attorney Tom Mattern had the completed amendments to Ordinance 94-9 for STOP signs on CR 1400 N at CR 100 W and the railroad crossing on CR 100 W at the Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church. Commissioners signed both amendments. Tom also had reviewed the Cost Allocation agreement with David M. Griffith and Associates. He said the contract was identical with the last one, but encouraged only contracting for one year.

Bob Luce, Butler, Fairman & Seufert: Requested Commissioners sign a letter to Richard Whitney, Chief of the Policy & Budget Division at INDOT, requesting agreement to proceed with bid letting for the relocation of the sewer line. Wabash County will pay the up front costs with the understanding this amount would be applied to the county's 20% share of the total project. Commissioners signed, and Bob will deliver it personally. Bob is also concerned a lack of available funds might delay overall progress, and encouraged Commissioners to contact their legislators. Brian has spoken with Steve Buyer, and his office has agreed to help.

Bill Bradley of WEDCOR, introduced John Caton of Gove & Associates of Ft. Wayne. His architectural and engineering firm would be equipped to do a study on County Farm usage options. Commissioners took the matter under advisement.

Tim Roberts, Sheriff: He had a revised plan for the work release area in the jail basement. It uses existing restrooms, and lowers the estimate to \$122,000. Sheriff Roberts and the Commissioners feel it would be well worth the cost if it was used to near capacity and extended the life span of the jail facility.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

  
Brian Hauptert, Chairman

  
Darle Dawes

  
Lester D. Temple

ATTEST:   
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor