

October 14, 1997

Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order in the courthouse at 9:00 A.M. with all members attending. Minutes of the 10/6 meeting were approved as written, motioned by Les, second by Darle and passed. Commissioners reviewed the monthly case report from Benicomp Insurance, the Treasurer's Monthly Report and the Jail/Memorial Hall custodian hours. Commissioners noted the trees west of Memorial Hall have been removed. Les noted the name above the door of Superior Court needs to be corrected from County Court, so people can identify it correctly. The Auditor will make arrangements to have it re-painted. Les reported Memorial Hall custodian, Dick Smith, asked if the stumps of the recently removed trees will be removed, and if he could trim the crab <sup>apple</sup> trees around the jail. Commissioners said yes to the trimming. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Accounts Payable Voucher Request.

Larry Rice, Highway Department: Larry will check with Chris Garber, North Manchester, to see if the county or North Manchester needs to approve the NIPSCO permit request to serve the Robert Fawcett property. Commissioners approved a SPRINT request to bore under the road 1/2 mile north of St. Rd. 16 on CR 150 E at the new NIPSCO tower, and a GTE request to bury cable along CR 400 W from ST. RD. 114 south to 11241 N 400 W. In regards to the Odgen Road project, John Stephens will get with Larry to determine the right-of-way. County officials will investigate the possibility of a STOP sign at the railroad crossing near the Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church and school. This is in response to a letter from the pastor to the state requesting changes for safety reasons. The state suggested the church remove some trees for better sight distance, and indicated a blister will be added on Highway 15 South when it's worked on in 1999. Larry will attend a hearing with the Workers Compensation Board on November 4, 1997 at 1:00 P.M. in regards to the 1995 Dennis Jackson claim. The insurance company denied the request and it's being appealed. Commissioners signed a "State and Local Public Agency Agreement" with INDOT concerning Phase I of the Old St. Rd. 15 project, which Bob Luce of Butler, Fairman & Seufert will hand deliver to INDOT. They also signed an agreement with INDOT on Phase I of the new U.S. 24 East project from St. Rd. 13 east to St. Rd. 524. The county will accept responsibility for sections of existing U.S. 24 as the new sections are completed. Larry noted compliments on the road conditions have been received from two parties.

Tom Mattern, County Attorney, presented Ordinance #1997-4 to vacate an alley in Foust's Addition in Servia between the Ray Moore and Robert France properties. This was approved September 14, 1992, but had not been documented. Commissioners signed the ordinance.

Dick Johnson requested permission for a variance to temporarily place his self-contained camper without being harrassed. Commissioners referred him to the Plan Commission.

Tim Roberts, Sheriff: Reports 85 in jail this morning. The water softener is currently being repaired for a leak which shut down all water to the jail.


Herb Underwood reports the pilings are in on the south side of the Miami Street Bridge project. They still have concrete to remove on the north side. Camden Construction, the contractor, put in a temporary foot bridge. GTE has made things more difficult by raising their lines to only 35 feet, when the pile driver is 65 feet tall, and the sanitary sewer line is only 9 feet deep rather than 12 feet as estimated by the city.

Memorial Hall: Brian talked to Doug Kroft about re-doing the east entrance, and he will talk to Atlas Industries about looking at the roof. Quality Electric will prepare an estimate on the furnace work.

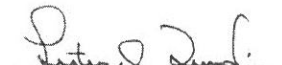
~~Section 105 in the Employee Policy Manual addresses the issue of spouses working together, and does not affect the Highway Department newlyweds.~~

Bob Luce, Butler, Fairman & Seufert: Estimated cost to relocate the sewer line on the Carroll Street Bridge project is \$204,000., and the city and county need an agreement in regards to the money. Commissioners also signed a Temporary Right-of-Way Grant Agreement with Jefferson Smurfitt Corporation in regards to the Carroll Street bridge.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

  
Brian Hauptert, Chairman

  
Darle Dawes

  
Lester D. Templin

ATTEST:   
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor