

March 24, 1997

Commissioners met in regular session, with all present. Correction to 3/17 minutes, open ditch problem on 700E is just south of St. Rd. 213 rather than 200 E. Les motioned to approve the minutes as corrected, second by Darle, and passed.

Larry Rice, Highway Dept.: Commissioners set April 28, 1997 at 9:30 A.M. as bid closing time for a Self-Propelled Barn Loader. Larry would like County Attorney, Tom Mattern to send a notice to Truman Distribution, reminding them they haven't yet reimbursed the county \$215.00 for damage to the Carroll Street Bridge on 9/27/96. Larry talked to John Stephens about moving the ditch on 1175 N (Shock Rd.), and 650 E is staked for moving the creek farther from the road. On 200 N near Career Center, Larry will do some side-ditching and repair a broken tile. John Stephens says it's county right-of-way property. Department has worked on problems on 900 S east of 600 E and on 700 N.

Tom Mattern, County Attorney: Needed Chairman Hauptert signature on documents involving deed to county for Carroll Street Bridge property. Commissioners noted their appreciation to Ed Potts for his gracious donation to the county.

Commissioners approved estimate from Harting Furniture Gallery in North Manchester for purchase and installation of window blinds in the County Assessor office.

Approved a request from Teresa Rogers and Donald Morning to hold their wedding ceremony at the Roann Covered Bridge on October 4, 1997. There is no fee, but individuals are responsible for clean-up and any damages.

Stop sign at Meridian Rd. & Waterworks Rd. intersection: Resident, Jamie Singleton, requested the Commissioners consider changing it to a Yield sign. He says a stop sign is only needed when the crops are high. Commissioners took the matter under advisement.

Tim Roberts, Sheriff: Tim will schedule an E-911 Board meeting for April 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Room.

David Hunter, Wabash County Hospital: Mr. Hunter was pleased to present the annual report for 1996 showing a balance of nearly \$500,000., quite a change from last year. Mr. Hunter also touched on the hospital's goals for 1997. Regarding a replacement for Ben Schooby, who is retiring from the Board of Trustees, Mr. Hunter has appointed a nominating committee, and will get a list of names to the Commissioners.

In a related matter, Will McLaughlin, appeared before the Commissioners to recommend their consideration of William D. Chalfin to fill the vacated seat. Mr. McLaughlin said William Chalfin would represent the business community well.

Scarce and Associates and Atlas Industries: Regarding courthouse dome work scheduled to begin in early April. Peter Fromelius recommends additional preparation prior to painting will increase the lifetime of the paint job. Commissioners will consider the options. Architect, Mary Ellen Rudisil, will check the progress regularly.

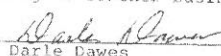
Health Insurance for County Employees: Commissioners have reviewed three proposals, and met with representatives over the past three months. Following a lengthy discussion among the Commissioners, Les motioned to approve the EBHICOMP health plan, which is quoted for the same coverage county employees are now receiving, pending approval by Commissioners of the contracts they must sign. Seconded by Darle, the motion carried. Employees will have a choice of two network options, from which they must choose one. The new plan is to be effective April 1, 1997.

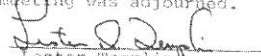
William Adkins, who lives on 700W near Twin Lakes has a water problem that he feels would be relieved by a culvert. Commissioners will look into the matter.

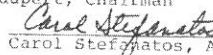
Approved a request from Judge Sposeep to provide part-time employee Kelly Roth access to the courthouse after hours if needed.

Commissioners signed the minutes, Payroll Claim and Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. They also reviewed the Area Five Agency on Aging and Community Services annual report. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Brian Hauptert, Chairman

  
Darle Dawes

  
Lester Templin

ATTEST:   
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor