

March 10, 1997

Commissioners met in regular session with all present. Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order, Les motioned to approve the 3/3/97 minutes, second by Darle and passed.

Larry Rice, Highway Dept.: Received petition signed by 28 residents on Minnick Road requesting double chip and seal over a 2 mile area. Property north of road belongs to the Dept. of Natural Resources, and there is a large oak tree that may be in the right-of-way, and have to be removed. Darle motioned to approve the paving project, including removing the oak tree, if necessary, second by Les and passed. Wallace Ulrey, (Ogden Road) would like to know where the right-of-way on the Wabash Road project will extend to, before he plants his garden. Larry will contact Herb Underwood. Bechtold creek (1175N) has a 7 ft. high retaining wall that's cracked and the ground underneath keeps washing out. Highway Dept. has filled it in, but it needs repaired. Road not damaged as of yet. Commissioners approved a request from Sweetser Phone Co. to bury cable on the Slocum Trail west from St. Rd. 13 to Miami Rd. in Somerset, and a road cut request by PSI Energy at 2135E 1000N. Asked if county has any policy to cover damage repair from potholes, Commissioners say no.

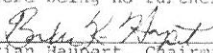
Bill Bradley, WEDCORP, and Garry Peterson, William-Lynn-James, Inc.: Heartland Corridor projects come in cycles, and the next 18 months will be a critical period. If nothing happens in the next 3 to 5 years, it won't happen in the next 20 years. Mr. Peterson encouraged Commissioners to get involved in promoting the project, and recommended looking into industrial park development along the new highway in the western part of the county. He also commended Bill for his recent lobbying in Washington D.C., and Congressman, Steve Buyer, for his support.

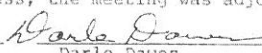
Scearce & Associates, Mary Ellen Rudisel, and Atlas Industries, Peter Fromelius: Mr. Fromelius says repair work on Courthouse dome should begin within the next three weeks. He recommends paint should be stripped to the base before re-painting, as what's there now is peeling and chipping badly. Process would increase cost, but also, extend the life of the job. Some panels on the dome will be replaced, so they won't need stripped. Peter will get an estimate. Mary Ellen is the architect on the project.

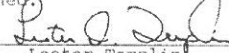
Hiring County Engineer: Commissioners elected not to sign with a specific firm for an on-call basis, but hire an engineer as needed. They will include Herb Underwood on the list.

Delinquent collections of personal property taxes: Les motioned to contract with Atlas Collections, Inc. from Muncie, second by Darle and passed

Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim and Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register and reviewed the February financial statement. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Brian Hauptert, Chairman

  
Darle Daves

  
Lester Templin

ATTEST:   
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor Wabash Co.

Addendum to above.

Board of Review: Appointed Phyllis Butler and George Smith, motioned by Les, second by Brian and passed.