

August 21, 2000

Commissioner Vice Chairman, Darle Dawes called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with Brian Hauptert absent. Minutes of the 8/14 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register, and reviewed the Clerk and Treasurer's July reports along with the Benicomp July report. Heard a Soil & Water Conservation District update from Barry Eppley, who says they have advertised for bids to paint the County Farm barn, and Commissioners agreed with the plan to restore the Wabash County Farm lettering on the barn for historic purposes. Eppley expects about 150 students to tour the facility this week. Commissioner Attorney, Tom Mattern, will send a letter to R & B Properties partner, Bill Roebel, indicating Commissioner support of the Auditor's decision to deny the untimely filed abatement application.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: 101 miles of chip and seal completed. Larry has a letter from INDOT, indicating their audit of the CR 1000 S project agrees with the \$16,401.55 gross amount for construction engineering services performed by Butler, Fairman and Seufert (BF&S), on this federal project. Larry will talk with BF&S about the written acceptance of this amount by the county. BF&S sent Larry an RFP (request for proposals) list of minority companies, for work on state bridges #13 and #28. Larry will ask BF&S to send those companies, along with several traditional firms, the RFP notices on the federal project. Commissioners set 9/25/00 at 10:00 A.M. as the deadline to accept proposals. Larry says a SPRINT request to replace old cable 750' east of CR 100 W on Frances Slocum Trail, east for 740' looks okay, so Commissioners approved the request. BF&S also recommends adding state bridge # 208 on Old 24 W, just past Higgle curve, as the 4th bridge on the federal project list. Les moved to accept the BF&S recommendation, second by Darle, and passed.

Judicial building: Tom Haste with Prince/Alexander (P/A) Architects updated on the project. The project is 3 to 4 weeks behind schedule, but going well, with all known errors corrected (the elevator shaft size, and the west wall straightened). The next 30 days will see the concrete slab poured this week, first floor walls installed and utilities for the first floor. Haste says R & M Construction has the lowest quote for bid pkg. H (rough carpentry), of the companies they contacted. There weren't any bids on this package originally, so P/A negotiated. Les moved to accept the R & M Construction bid of \$99,900. (including stairs) for pkg. H, second by Darle, and passed. Haste says they're expecting a quote today from Stevens Fabricating in Kokomo, for pkg. G (metals). Commissioners reviewed and approved 4 change orders. Change order #3 is \$3,550. for extra concrete, #4 is \$1,400. for extra insulation, #5 is \$5,750. for extra excavation and #6 is \$3,500. for extra fill. All are for labor, equipment and materials due to elevation changes, and all payments are due Campbell's Excavating, Inc. Commissioners reviewed and approved the claims presented for September payment by P/A. There is a construction meeting today at 1:30. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

Attest: _____

Carol Stefanatos, Auditor