

April 21, 2003

Wabash County Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 4/14 meeting were approved as written, moved by Brian Hauptert, second by Darle Dawes, and passed.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry reported that 45 yards of concrete have been poured on the barn floor at the highway garage. The meeting with utility companies last week regarding Old Rd. 15 S went very well. The construction meeting on bridge # 28 at Laketon will be on Wednesday, April 23, 2003 at the highway garage.

Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern: Tom stated the Todd Wheatley case settlement conference will be later this month to set a date in Federal Court. Tom had reviewed the contract renewal with Intelenet Service, a government telephone service. The contract may be terminated by a 60 day notice. Brian moved to table signing the contract, second by Darle, and passed. Tom says the Minnick contract regarding retention of money says that 10% should be retained. Tom will get more information from the Auditor as to how much was paid to Minnick Construction, and how much was retained. He will then send a letter to the Trustee of Bankruptcy.

Lori Draper, Co. Clerk: Lori asked permission for herself and one deputy to attend the Clerk's Conference in June. Commissioners gave their approval. Lori reported she has received quotes from different banks to handle the Clerk's account, and one bank is lower than the current bank she does business with. No decision has been made yet.

There will be a PERF benefits meeting April 29, 2003 at 1:00 P.M. at the Courthouse and at 3:00 P.M. at the Highway department.

The Commissioners had met with Sheriff, Leroy Striker, earlier regarding the REMC tower, and whether to move 911 equipment to the new REMC building site. purchase the present REMC tower and leave it in place, or buy a new tower and place it at the highway department. A discussion of the pros and cons followed. Brian moved to purchase the REMC tower at a cost of \$35,000., which will come from 911 funds, second by Darle, and passed. Les stated an additional cost of \$24,000. for equipment and upkeep may be needed in the future. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Lester D. Templin, Chairman

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Darle V. Dawes

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Brian K. Hauptert

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor