

April 28, 2003

Wabash County Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:15 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 4/21 meeting were approved as written, moved by Brian Hauptert, second by Darle Dawes, and passed.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry stated the pre-construction meeting for Bridge # 28 on CR 200 W, south of Laketon went well. Construction will begin the last day of school, about 5/29 and be completed by mid August before school opens. The bridge will be closed for the duration of construction.

The DNR project on CR 950 S and CR 300 W is now considered a priority. Butler, Fairman & Seufert has been approved to do the right-of-way work (R/W). The R/W work on Old Rd. 15 S has been submitted to INDOT and the north phase is ready to be scheduled. Approval is being sought from the DNR regarding the road closing on CR 700 E involving John Forrester and the Corp of Engineers. Brian moved to approve federal participation on Old Rd. 15 S from CR 600 S to Meridian Rd., phase III, second by Darle, and passed.

Sheriff, Leroy Striker: Leroy says adopting an ordinance for misdemeanor/felony offenses would likely generate \$27,000. in a year's time. He's waiting for a response from the Attorney General regarding the legality of government acquisitions. The Sheriff says a K-9 by the name of Dusty will be added to the force this week, and assigned to Steve Hicks.

Bob Brown, Emergency Management director: A grant will be forthcoming in the amount of \$25,000.00. The Sheriff, Wabash Chief of Police, Manchester Police and Commissioners should meet and decide how to best utilize the money. Five % of two other grants has been received. A vehicle donated by the City of Wabash is being prepared for use by his department. Bob presented an independent contractor agreement regarding searching and compiling all-hazards data. After review by Commissioner Attorney, Tom Mattern, Brian moved to accept the contract, second by Darle, and passed.

Tom Mattern, Commissioner Attorney: Tom presented a copy of the letter that was sent to the Minnick bankruptcy Trustee. Included was a copy of the main contract regarding the \$19,896.98 retainage that Minnick withdrew from Frances Slocum Bank.

Melissa Burnworth of Pyramid: There's an outstanding bill of \$325. due Clear View Windows & More for cleaning in the Judicial Center. Melissa said payment will come from the Banner Glass retainage account which has \$2,000.+ in it. Brian moved to pay the bill from Banner retainage funds, second by Darle, and passed. She says there's also an outstanding bill with Quality Electric for a change order in the amount of \$4,733.00. Melissa says Quality Electric is ordering HVAC equipment for the Memorial Hall job.

A bill was reviewed from Scearce Rudisel for reimbursable expenses. The contract needs to be reviewed before payment is made.

Cheryl Slee, newly appointed interim Surveyor, met with Commissioners regarding salary. Brian moved she be paid \$33,433., the same as other elected officials, second by Darle, and passed. Cheryl will also receive the balance in the certified ditch/coronerstone account, in the amount of \$2500. 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