

March 12, 2001

Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Due to construction, Commissioners will meet in the Auditor's backroom, so their room may be used for storage. Brian Hauptert moved to approve the minutes with 3 corrections, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. The fence damage is on Laketon Road just north of CR 750 N, and double chip and seal will cover 1/2 mile on CR 450 S and 7/10 mile on CR 680 E. Commissioners learned the shelves are installed in the secure jail property room, ready to house the voting machines. Brian moved to sign the 2001 Partnership Agreement between WEDCOR and the county, second by Darle, and passed. There's no change in the county's share of \$45,000. Bill Bradley, WEDCOR director, says there's a Spanish auto parts maker seriously looking at the " spec" building in the Wabash North Industrial Park. They would hire 200 - 265 employees at wages around \$12.00 per hour. They're interested in a day care facility on the site, to be shared by other business in the complex. They're also looking at a property in northwest Ohio. Toby Steffen, With Butler, Fairman and Seufert (BF&S) reports a beam scheduled to be set today at the new Carroll St. bridge, may be delayed, as the crane operator doesn't want to put his equipment in the water as needed, says it's not in his contract. The state is negotiating on this and a change order due to problems setting an invent on what turned out to be clay rather than the expected shale. The contractor is asking for additional money for mobilizing equipment from one side of the river to the other (the state and Toby think this is okay), and for loss of 3 days work (they take issue here, as there were many days they could have worked, and didn't). Also, the contractor has never set up a bar chart showing progress, as outlined in the specs for the project. The last pier, # 2, is being set. Commissioner Attorney, Tom Mattern, advised attorneys are proceeding with a motion for summary judgement in the Barrus vs Wabash Co. case. They're claiming it's a frivolous lawsuit with no valid background. The presiding judge could deny or grant all or part of the request. Steve Griggs, our Verizon account manager, wants to help with a new phone system to include the new judicial building. He will contact Terry Burnworth at Pyramid to discuss proposals. He says options include fiber optic, wireless or standard equipment. The Jail/Sheriff system has the expansion capability to include the judicial, courthouse and Memorial Hall buildings for less money. Jim Bailey with Havel Brothers, presented a proposal for HVAC work needed at the jail totaling \$26,814. for five separate repairs. Commissioners will ask the sheriff to request an additional appropriation from his Co. Corrections fund for repair work, although no contract has been signed yet. John Speidel Jr., with B F & S updated on progress for right-of-way acquisition on Old St. Rd.15 S

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry had pictures of the Duane Wagner property, and says the water can't get away. The culvert under the driveway has been filled in. He's talked with John Stephens, and the two will assess the area. Mr. Wagner delivered a signed consent from Scott Schuler, to route water to his side of the road. Larry has a petition from Ijamsville residents, submitted last fall, for double chip and seal of all roads in Ijamsville. Larry reminded Commissioners many small towns need road work, and often streets aren't wide enough for two lanes. There would be drainage problems in both Ijamsville and Laketon, since some roads are lower than the surrounding ground. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Hauptert

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor