

May 29, 2001

Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order with all members present. Minutes of the 5/21 meeting were approved as written, moved by Darle Dawes, second by Brian Haupert, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. They learned that Ascom won't continue to support the postal scale purchased in May of 1993, after July 1st when some postal rates increase, as parts are too hard to locate. A new scale runs about \$895., and Commissioners directed the Auditor to seek another quote.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Durnbaugh Rd. is finished. Crews spent about 5 days replacing a tile that was between two Buckeye Pipeline lines, on CR 950 N. They're finishing up today, then starting on Somerset streets. Brian asked Larry to look at a structure problem on CR 300 W, 2/10 mile north of St. Rd. 124.

Indiana Rural Development Council: Wendy Dant, Executive Director, and her summer intern, Scott Priebe, explained their program to Commissioners. They're not a funding source, but help groups with low to moderate incomes locate financial assistance, both grants and loans. In the Lakeview Estates sewer connection case, a public entity such as the City of Wabash or the county, would have to apply for the assistance and serve as the fund recipient. Counties are allowed two grant approvals within an 18 month period, while cities are limited to one every 18 months. If a grant is awarded, federal regulations require a grant coordinator for any project. She also noted Build Indiana Funds are available every two years, and have a 10% match. Assisting in this project sets a precedent. Wendy will gather more information on this particular project, and report to Brian.

Judicial building project: After review, Brian moved to approve the general specifications request for construction of judges and clerks' benches and witness and jury boxes, second by Darle, and passed. Pyramid will review, and possibly amend, the general requirements for contractors, as they may be prohibitive to smaller firms. This job requires craftsmen. Don Flick, with Pyramid, says Steve Johnson, Solid Waste District director, reports Ream Steckbeck would like to be the recycled paint provider, and Don is locating other recycled finishes, such as carpeting and ceiling tile. The stone cutter hasn't been keeping up with the installer, and Pyramid is trying to prod them along. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle Dawes

Brian K. Haupert

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Carol Stefanatos, Secretary