

June 4, 2001

Wabash County Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order with all members present. Minutes of the 5/29 meeting were approved as written, moved by Brian Hauptert, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Accounts Payable Voucher Register and reviewed the Memorial Hall/Jail custodian hours.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry looked at the concrete bridge on CR 300 W, and it needs repaired. Chester Twp. bridge # 7 on CR 150 E is okay structurally, but it's starting to fail on the NE corner. He has taken pictures and measurements on # 7, but it's too big a job for his equipment. Funds for both could be requested at the July 16th Council meeting. The wooden bridge at 5382 E 800 S, is 1/2 full of cornstalks, and should be cleared. Consensus is that the property owner should clear it. Larry asked for a survey and location of the center of CR 100 N (site for Summit Communities) so he knows the lay out, the need for right-of-way (R/W) purchase, utility pole and culvert relocation or side ditch work. Larry suggested the adjacent property owners put a 12 inch drain west of their drive, to alleviate water problems at CR 700 W and CR 550 N, and they have agreed. An existing 6 inch drain in the area will be left in place, but space is too limited to install a larger drain.

Carroll Street bridge: They're aiming for an August 1st completion, but the contract runs to August 15th. Weather permitting, they will pour the deck on 6/14. The only potential problem at this time is high water from all the rain, which forces the reservoirs to dump excess water. Toby Steffan, with Butler, Fairman & Seufert, (BF & S) reports the Bent/Vernon Street intersection has to be lowered 6 inches to meet federal guidelines, and the water and sewer lines are too close to the road surface. Lowering them could be part of the scope of work on this federal project, with the county paying 20% of the cost. The city wants the lines lowered, and Commissioners feel even if the county pays upfront, the city should reimburse the county the 20% share, or pay the entire cost, if it's not within the scope of work.

Old Road 15 South: John Speidel, Jr. with BF & S, brought the 10 day notice letters that will be sent certified mail tomorrow to most of the 27 property owners who haven't granted the county road R/W, so the project may proceed. Commissioners reviewed the letter, and Chairman Templin signed it. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Hauptert

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor