

September 10, 2001

Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order with all members present. Minutes of the 9/4 meeting were approved as written, moved by Darle Dawes, second by Brian Hauptert, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the July Financial Report and the Memorial Hall/Jail custodian hours. They reviewed a notice from the City of Wabash, indicating the storm drains at the Probation building comply with city ordinances. They advised Sandy Beach Estates Association board members that Plan Commission attorney, Larry Thrush will notify Merrill Azbell, 6 W. Lakeside Dr., that he must move his building, since no permit was requested. There are other problems in the housing addition, including a fence in road right-of-way (R/W) and violation of association regulations. Also, in some areas the road berm is higher than the property, particularly along Lakeside Drive. Highway Supervisor, Larry Rice, says his department is considering cutting back the berms. Darle suggested County Surveyor, John Stephens, be asked to establish the road R/W. Brian moved to appoint Anita Gray to the Wabash Co. Convention and Visitors Bureau Board thru 12/02, second by Darle, and passed. Gray will complete the term of Judy Patton. Commissioners will know by 09/12/01, whether The Woodshed owner, Ron Moore, will be able to complete everything but the rails for the two courtrooms by 12/01. If not, B & G Woodworking has come down to \$19,000. for one court, and Commissioners could award one court to each business. Commissioners reviewed a letter from Marlin Fingerle, CR 250 W., indicating his opposition to opening CR 950 N between CR 200 W and Troyer Road. He has received certified notification of the public hearing set for 09/24. After discussion with involved parties, and review of the Sheriff report, Darle moved to deny the claim for damages requested by Janice Snyder last week, second by Brian, and passed.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: 114 miles of chip and seal are completed, leaving about 7 or 8 miles to go. Somerset roads aren't done yet. Larry presented estimates for several bridges. (1) Chester Br. 83, \$43,285.70 to rehabilitate, \$27,336. for a new steel structure, or \$38,128. for an aluminum structure, plus installation for both. Darle moved to repair the existing bridge at \$43,285.70, second by Brian, and passed. (2) Noble Br. 6 north of St. Rd. 124 on CR 300 W, \$24,600. for a steel structure or \$32,656. for aluminum, plus \$10,000. to \$12,000. installation on either. Brian moved to replace the bridge with an aluminum structure, second by Darle, and passed. (3) Chester Br. 7 on CR 150 E, north of St. Rd. 16, \$21,576. for a steel structure and \$24,128. for aluminum, plus installation on both. Darle moved to select the aluminum structure, second by Brian and passed. (4) Liberty Br. 36 on CR 975 S, east of America Rd., \$20,020. for steel, \$20,656. for aluminum, or \$29,900. for concrete plus installation on all options. Darle moved to accept the aluminum bid, second by Brian, and passed. Larry says there's a regulated drain on CR 700 W, north of St. Rd. 114, that has washed out to the road due to recent rains, and he feels the ditch should be moved away from the road. Larry says there was an error on the bridge sufficiency report and the correction dropped Wabash County from 21st to 92nd in the state. John Speidel, Jr. with Butler, Fairman & Seufert reports corrections have been made regarding the Federal Assistance programs, to include road, safety and bridge projects. The Ferry St. bridge would qualify as an historic bridge project, the Liberty Mills bridge as a transportation project and bridge # 208 on old Rd. 24 W at the railriad crossing, as a regular bridge project. Applications for federal assistance are due 11/01/01. Commissioners opened the quotes for bridge inspections from VS Engineering, Inc., United Consultants of Indianapolis and Butler, Fairman & Seufert. Brian moved to take the quotes under advisement, second by Darle, and passed. With no other business, the meeting adjourned.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Hauptert

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor