

September 17, 2001

Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 9/10 meeting were approved as written, moved by Brian Hauptert, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. Commissioners are unanimous in their support of President Bush and his stand against the terrorist activities of last week, that have affected all Americans. Commissioners took under advisement a request from Bill Bradley and Jim Weaver, representing the Hoosier Heartland Corridor. They're asking for \$4,000. in CEDIT funds, to help keep completion of the corridor from Logansport to Lafayette, on the minds of legislators at all levels. Bradley says the county pledge in the past varied between \$3,000. and 4,000. They would like a similar commitment for 2002. They anticipate completion could be 10 years down the road. Commissioners approved a letter supporting the continuation of the Pathfinder Services' homeownership counseling and down payment assistance program in Wabash County, as Pathfinders is applying for a grant to continue the program. Commissioners noted the contract with Warsaw Roofing to repair the jail roof was signed 01/20/98, and has a ten year warranty. Commissioners will look into a request from Robbi LaSalle to legalize the use of registered off road vehicles on county roads. She says both the Sheriff and the Dept. of Natural Resources are in favor of this, and it's legal in most surrounding counties.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: 120.4 miles of chip and seal done, with about 1.2 miles to go. Camden Construction will give Larry a start date for the rehabilitation of Chester bridge # 83. Aluminum structures for the bridge repairs approved last week have been ordered. Both new trucks ordered last year have been in use, but one had to be towed by the dealer for repairs. Phend and Brown got the contract for Blue Sky Highway work, and may be starting today. Larry has reviewed the bridge inspection quotes received last week for Phase I, an inspection in 2002, and Phase II, a follow-up inspection in 2003. V S Engineering of Indianapolis offered a reduced overhead rate of 135%, United Consulting of Indianapolis has an overhead rate of 137.5% and Butler Fairman & Seufert (BF&S) of Indianapolis proposed an overhead rate of 122%. Both United and BF & S proposed completion of Phase I in 180 calendar days of onset and Phase II completion in 120 days. VS Engineering proposed completion of each phase in 125 calendar days. Brian moved to accept the proposal of BF & S, second by Darle, and passed. Larry says the north wall of the highway building should be completed tomorrow, weather permitting, and he thinks the Commissioners' choice of contractor was great. After reviewing plans submitted by United Consultants for extending sanitary sewer service from the city of Wabash to Metro North School, Darle moved to approve the plans, second by Brian, and passed. They will bore under CR 200 N and install pipe in the right-of-way of CR 300 W, and the contract indicates they will repair damages incurred during construction. Upon the recommendation of Larry, Commissioners approved a Verizon request to bury cable adjacent to CR 300 E, from the intersection with St. Rd. 124, north to 5940 S 300 E.

Judicial Building: Les reports The Woodshed has withdrawn their quote for benches and railings for both courts, due to time constraints. Brian moved to approve the B & G Woodworking original quote of \$38,600. for all benches and railings, second by Darle, and passed. B & G will do the benches first, but still hope to have all work completed by mid November. Tanya Zoellner, with Pyramid, says Premier Contracting has agreed to do the granite work for the budgeted \$25,000. Brian moved to approve Premier for the granite work, second by Darle, and passed. Tanya will get a Premier signed contract to Commissioners for their signature. Tanya says Deco Forms of Canada can fabricate the GFRC columns for \$7,901. plus installation. The total should be within the \$16,000. budgeted, so Darle moved to approve Deco for the fabrication, second by Brian, and passed. Pay application # 16 includes change order (C/O) requests for Eclipse Masonry in the amount of \$18,300. for dental and stone work, \$1,100. for extra block work to correct an error by Minnick Masonry, with the \$1,100. ultimately reimbursed by the Minnick bond company. There's also a C/O for Ft. Wayne Roofing in the amount of \$6,750. to complete R & M Construction work. Brian moved to approve all three C/O's, second by Darle, and passed. Brian moved to allow Mike Murphy with Pyramid, to release M & W Construction from their contract, and replace them, second by Darle, and passed. Their bonding agent is responsible for up to one year after the building is completed, and will have to cover the cost of extra effort by Pyramid. Murphy has ordered door frames from a Ft. Wayne firm, and they should arrive within two weeks. Mike suggested Commissioners ask their county attorney to request verification of errors and omissions coverage information from Prince/Alexander Architects. Commissioners finalized the verbiage for the commemorative plaque, and decided on one double headed cobra light and two acorn lights for parking lot lighting. They told Clerk, Jo Ann Hettmansperger, to pursue shelving options locally, as the proposal she received doesn't meet her needs. Commissioners will meet with the Clerk and Judges' Vanderpool and Sposeep 09/24 at noon, to discuss furnishings for all three departments. 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