

October 9, 2001

Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order with all members present. Minutes of the 10/1 meeting were approved as written, moved by Darle Dawes, second by Les, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the September Financial Report and the Memorial Hall/Custodian hours. They read the Presbyterian Church notice of plans to build a parking lot, and learned that Tom Boyll is interested in buying the old safe from the Treasurer's office. Les will notify Boyll that the county won't sell it, but will likely add it to museum artifacts. They learned from Commissioner Attorney, Tom Mattern, that Merrill Azbell of Sandy Beach Estates, received letters from both himself and the Plan Commission about moving his carport that encroaches road right-of-way (R/W). Chairman Templin will review and sign eminent domain papers for the Old Rd. 15 S project, then Tom will file them. Carroll Street bridge site manager, Toby Steffan, with Butler, Fairman & Seufert (BF & S), says the bridge should be ready to open in about a week, so Commissioners set 10/15/01 at 3:30 P.M. for the ribbon cutting ceremony. Toby presented an overrun summary, that he's still reviewing, for work that may be billed to Indiana American Water Company, totaling \$49,287.55. Paul Bergman, Emergency Management director, presented his fourth quarter report for review and signatures. He hopes all Commissioners will attend his Planning Conference on Terrorism and Weapons of Mass Destruction, set for 10/24. It begins at 8:30 A.M. in the Nixon Room of the Honeywell Center.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry has received written notice of the request for an additional \$200,000. on the Carroll Street bridge project, submitted by Toby Steffan. The county share is \$19,400. or 9.7%. Although INDOT hasn't yet responded, Larry found the north end of a culvert isn't open, in the vicinity of Jefferson St. and St. Rd. 13 in Urbana, where there have been water problems. In another matter, Darle will talk with Duane Wagner, who has already dug a side ditch, to learn what he wants from the Co. Highway department. Les signed a lead letter for INDOT, so county bridge inspections may progress. Larry reports the state has decided to include CR 300 E between new 24 E and Lagro, in their resurface project that includes the Blue Star Highway. Each will get a new 1 1/2 inch surface. Crews are still berming, and will be in Liberty Mills this week. Brian moved to approve charges of \$6.00 for a color map of the county and it's road system, \$2.00 for a black & white map or \$1.00 for a 1/2 size (11x17 in.) black & white map, second by Darle, and passed. The highway department and the Co. Surveyor will sell the maps, and funds will help defray the production cost, with income into the general fund of the highway or county, respectively.

Petition to reopen CR 950 N between Troyer Rd. and CR 200 W: Commissioners found no record of advertisement or notification to property owners of the intent to close parts of 30 county roads in 1989. The ordinance titled 1990-I referencing the 30 portions of roads to be vacated, was never signed. Brian moved to rescind the action taken on 12/18/89 to close the county roads, second by Darle, and passed. Mr. Mattern advises the action taken today, reopens the roads, including CR 950 N, as petitioned by Todd Rager, and no further action is needed on the Rager petition. Les advised Rager to consult his attorney regarding the affect of today's decision on his lawsuit in Superior Court. Rager asked that the road, including R/W, be staked as far as the bridge, because he's bringing in semi trucks to harvest, and doesn't want to damage the Shankster property, and face a lawsuit. Rager says a gate was erected by him years ago, and it's coming down. Les said Co. Surveyor, John Stephens, could stake out the road, and Larry Rice offered his help. Ordinance 1993-I stipulates that whenever possible county roads should be 40 feet wide. Celia Shankster, an adjacent property owner, arrived at the meeting and was advised of the Commissioner decision.

Judicial Building: Commissioners discussed a Verizon proposal for a lease/buy option for the \$20,098. Norstar phone system with voice mail, to service the courthouse, judicial building and Memorial Hall. Payments could be made for 36 or 60 months with a \$1.00 buy out. Commissioners want to know the maintenance and warranty terms for a lease, before accepting the plan. Upon the recommendation of Mike Murphy with Pyramid, Brian moved to accept the quote of \$50,199. from K & M Carpeting for the flooring contract, second by Darle, and passed. After review of the quotes from Verizon and C.S.I. for computer cable work, Brian moved to award the ethernet conversion and hardware move and set up to C.S.I. per their quote of \$15,248., second by Darle, and passed. The remainder of cable installation, which includes phone lines, will likely be awarded to Verizon. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Haupert

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor