

November 26, 2001

Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 11/19 meeting were approved as written, moved by Darle Dawes, second by Brian Hauptert, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. They reviewed the Clerk and Treasurer reports for October, and the Weights and Measures monthly report. Commissioners noted receipt of a lawsuit filed by former jail inmate, Charles Smith, against the Sheriff and the county, alleging injury while incarcerated. Lana Bousman, with the Rural Community Assistance program, reports she's 95% done with the grant application to upgrade the Servia water system. To complete the grant she must have a local match of a maximum of \$3000. The Community Foundation's next grant cycle isn't until March, and she again asked the county to fund the match. Brian moved to support the use of CEDIT funds for local matching funds, not to exceed \$3000., for this community project, second by Darle, and passed. Lana will present the request to Co. Council at their 12/3 meeting. Toby Steffan with Butler, Fairman & Seufert Engineers (BF&S), presented Change Order # 6 on the Carroll Street bridge project. For water main work on the south side of the bridge, the City of Wabash has already agreed to pay the local 20% share of this project, while the county has no financial responsibility for this portion. Brian moved to approve C/O # 6, in the amount of \$41,746.39 (20% share is \$8,349.27), second by Darle, and passed. Todd Rager reports CR 950 N is a mess since REMC installed underground lines Workers have to drive thru Rager's field to get to the Haywood property construction site. Rager asked Larry Rice to look at the situation, and Larry had a picture of the area. Commissioners don't want to improve the road before hearing Celia Shankster's petition to close the road. Mrs. Shankster's attorney has requested a postponement of the 12/17 hearing, as he will be out of state, and Mrs. Shankster wants him to attend the hearing. Commissioners won't set a new date until they confer with their attorney about his availability. Rager is also concerned about his liability for the bridge, since a gate would have to go on the south side of the bridge. Commissioners said terms could be negotiated at a later date. Brian moved to approve the 16 legal holidays observed by the county for 2002, second by Darle, and passed. Les reported that one of the four cleaning services he contacted, has responded with estimates for 3 or 5 days a week service for the judicial building and Memorial Hall basement. John Speidel. Jr, with BF&S reports he's auditing figures on the Carroll Street bridge project, so the county may bill the City of Wabash their 20% share for the sewer line relocation. He'll report back after talking with the IN Dept. of Transportation about invoices that have been paid by the county. Right now it looks like the city share is \$48,791.20. John is also working to get the Dept. of Natural Resources joint project between Wabash and Miami Counties back on track. Since the majority of the work is in Wabash Co., John thinks Wabash Co. should be the lead party on the project. It's a totally federally funded upgrade of recreational access roads at the Mississinewa Reservoir. In Wabash Co. that includes CR 600 W and the Old Frances Slocum Trail from Mississinewa Rd. to the Miami Co. line. John says a new application could request a road upgrade on both sides of the bridge. That would provide an upgraded road from St. Rd. 13 to U.S. 31.

Co. Highway Dept: Larry reports the two new single axle trucks have been delivered, and will go out today for equipment outfitting. His department is working today on removing excess stone from the judicial building project. Some stone will go into the rip rap pile, and some will likely be sold at auction. A fork lift had to be rented, and Larry asked who pays the rental fee. His crews have wedged Jefferson Street in Urbana, in an effort to eliminate standing water at the St. Rd. 13 intersection. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Hauptert

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor