

December 3, 2001

Wabash County Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order with all members present. Darle Dawes moved to approve the minutes as written, second by Brian Hauptert, and passed. They reviewed and signed the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Todd Rager presented a petition, bearing 115 signatures, asking Commissioners to keep CR 950 N open from CR 200 W to Troyer Road. Rager reports he graded and leveled the area where his wheat field was rutted, as Bill Haywood is getting stone for his driveway, and doesn't feel he was out of line to level the unimproved road. Les reiterated the county won't do anything to the road until the petition hearings are resolved. Brian asked Co Highway Supervisor, Larry Rice, what the county responsibility was for this road, and Commissioner Attorney, Tom Mattern, said at this time it is a county road. Brian moved to table a decision about improving the road until December 10th, second by Darle, and passed. Darle will notify Celia Shankster, and suggest she attend the meeting. Rager disagreed with a news paper report, saying it was the Haywood contractor, not REMC that drove in his wheat field. Mr. Mattern reminds Commissioners of the 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. hearings today on eminent domain along Old St. Rd. 15 S. Tom reports Jim Hamilton with Butler, Fairman & Seufert (BF&S), will be here to testify. Tom says he's monitoring three lawsuits filed recently listing the county as a defendant. County Clerk, Jo Ann Hettmansperger, presented the redistricting plan for Commissioner approval. Not much change, but the entire county is now represented by district 22 in the State House of Representatives, and Paw Paw and Pleasant Township will now be part of district 18 for the State Senate. Brian moved to approve the revised plan, second by Darle, and passed. Les presented a request from Sheriff Roberts to purchase a new squad car thru the state bid system. Brian moved to approve the purchase at a price of \$21,938. after required paint alterations, second by Darle, and passed. The Sheriff reports seven of his vehicles have over 100,000 miles, while the two he's trading have over 200,000. Les reports after talking with Verizon, that the T-1 line requested for the judges' computer systems, to speed up processing, isn't necessary in the new judicial building. Les understands they're not really faster lines, as digital must convert to analog in the process, and slows things down. After learning all long distance phone services, including the 800 number and calling card calls, would be 3.52 cents per minute, by switching from Intelenet/ A T & T, to Intelenet/ Qwest, Brian moved to approve the Intelenet/Qwest agreement thru the state, second by Darle, and passed. The Auditor will advise our consultant the county accepted his recommendation. John Speidel, Jr. with BF&S, had completed packets for property owned by Paul Laycock, Jerry Radabaugh and Hamilton Sadler along Old Rd. 15 S. Commissioners signed the notice and offer to purchase right-of-way, and BF&S will get them mailed. Laycock has sold his remaining ground, so BF&S will prepare new paper work for that parcel. John also had an agreement between the county and BF&S for the 2 year county wide bridge inspection. Brian moved to accept the agreement, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners will get a copy signed by all parties involved for their records. John also had updated figures on the cost of the sewer line relocation as part of the Carroll St. bridge project. He asked the Auditor to request a copy of a \$17,130. payment by the city, early in the project, before the county bills the city for their share. It looks like that amount will be \$31,661.20. Toby Steffan, with BF&S, presented change order (C/O) # 7 on the Carroll St. bridge project for reimbursement of \$1000. to the county, from Indiana American Water Corp. Darle moved approval to sign C/O # 7, second by Brian, and passed.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry reports \$112,775. was saved from the estimates on several road projects, due to the contractor used, and the work done, on each road. Roads involved include: Durnbaugh Rd., CR 175 E, CR 180 E and CR 300 E. He also reports mowing miles were doubled last summer, four trips through the entire county system. Larry says the Blue Star Highway will be turned over to the county shortly. Larry had a road cut request from Bill Earle on CR 1050 N, 4/10 mile west of St. Rd. 13. Eads is doing all the work, and Larry suggests the county not charge, if there's a problem under the road with a hump in the tile. Commissioners agreed. Larry had three requests from SPRINT to bury cable, and thought they all looked okay. Brian moved to approve all three, second by Darle, and passed. (1) South on CR 200 W, 830 ft. from CR 500 N, (2) West 2770 ft from CR 700 W on CR 800 N, then west 5600 feet, (3) South 1900 ft. from CR 800 N to CR 600 W. Larry says he would like to replace the 1988 GMC shop truck and the 1994 GMC bridge truck, and Commissioners advised him to proceed. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Hauptert

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor