

November 30, 1998

Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order in the courthouse at 9:00 a.m. with Brian Hauptert absent. Approval of the minutes was put on hold until all Commissioners are present. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim and Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. They reviewed the Treasurer's Monthly Report and a Soil and Water Conservation District report on erosion and sedimentation at the Spring Valley and Wabash Valley Landfills. Spring Valley has progressed in reconstruction and revegetation of eroded areas, and Wabash Valley shows improvement, but erosion and sedimentation still need addressed.

Ruth Oldfather, CR 200 W between CR 800 N and 900 N asked that a culvert be lowered to improve drainage. It was put in 2 years ago, but isn't low enough since the ditch was cleared. She's installing a new tile next spring, and would like this done first. Darle moved to lower the culvert at county expense, after Mrs. Oldfather has completed her ditch preparations on both sides of the road, second by Les, and passed. Larry has a ballpark estimate of \$14,000. for repairs to CR 1300 N (excluding guardrails) if the county provides some labor and materials. Larry estimates guardrails could cost about \$31,000., and he might have enough in stock. Commissioners tabled a decision on guardrails for now. They also postponed a decision on buying a new distributor at a cost of \$85,000. Larry reports they've completed 6 miles of berming and ditching. Larry says guardrails weren't included in the figures for the Elliott Rd. bridge replacement, but he thinks he has enough guardrail on hand, if Commissioners decide they want it installed. No decision was made today. Larry showed Commissioners the gas tax distribution formula from IC: 6-6-1.1-801.5. It divides 25 million annually at 40% to INDOT, 30% to counties, cities and towns eligible to receive a distribution from the Local Road and Street account and 30% to counties, cities and towns eligible to receive a distribution from the Motor Vehicle Highway account. Commissioners approved Larry's written request to use 3 vacation days in December of 1998 and carry over 4 vacation days to 1999. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle Dawes

Brian Hauptert

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor