

February 9, 1998

Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order in the courthouse at 9:00 A.M. with Darle Dawes absent. Minutes of the 2/2 meeting were approved as written, motioned by Brian, second by Les and passed. Commissioners signed the Covered Bridge certification (2 in the county) for return to the state, reviewed the Clerk's Monthly report, the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket, the Payroll Check Register and a letter from Wabash Valley Refuse Removal indicating a 6% price increase effective February 1998. Les noted he had received a note from the lieutenant governor regarding the Hoosier Farmland Preservation Task Force, whose purpose is to generate interest in preserving farmland.

Ordinance # 98-2: Commissioners signed the ordinance which re-defines township precinct boundaries.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Murphy/Lutheran Cemetery road is repaired except for some final finishing in the spring. The Urbana Cemetery repairs need more investigation. State Board of Accounts gave the department a good report in their audit, with two suggestions concerning county vehicle records and personal days records. Commissioners signed the Highway Fund Receipts and Year End Report destined for the state, and Larry gave Commissioners his completed 1997 Annual Report and Inventory. Larry had a request to bury cable in the right-of-way of CR 200 S starting at CR 800 W and going east for 690' from Marcus Cable, which he says is O.K. Sprint has a request to bury cable in the right-of way of CR 200 N from CR 700 W to 650' east of CR 675 W. Project includes boring under CR 675 W, and Larry says it's O.K. Commissioners signed both requests.

Larry had quotes from BCH Inc. to use A-588 steel (weathered) on the 2 Liberty Twp. structures rather than originally quoted A-572 steel (primed). Commissioners took the matter under advisement. Commissioners approved removal of a non-functioning computer from the new Animal Shelter building to Secondary Metals by the highway department. Larry wants to do some research on a petition to pave Durnbaugh Rd. from CR 325 E to Baumbauer Rd.

Liberty Mills alley issue: Certified notice sent to Stanley Enyeart Jr. was refused and returned to the Auditor. Mr. Brainard, Mrs Green and Stanley Enyeart Sr. appeared before the Commissioners with their concerns.

Tim Roberts, Sheriff: 79 in jail today. Tim heard from the Civil Rights Commission that they have assigned an Administrative Law Judge to the Harry Knable case. Tim will check with Reynolds Oil and make sure they understand they're not to refill the underground fuel tanks at the highway department. Commissioners discussed with Tim a letter from Kosciusko Co. Commissioners regarding a new juvenile detention center which could be available for use by Wabash County. Tim says if it's a secure facility, it might be worth looking in to.

Miami Street Bridge: Herb Underwood sent an itemized bill to Bill Hapner of the Wabash Street Dept. for materials for storm sewer work. He pointed out 40 to 50' of 42" pipe is quite expensive. Herb also says he and Larry Rice have resolved the stone tonnage to within 20 ton. He thinks Camden Construction hauled two loads themselves.

Bob Luce, Butler, Fairman & Seufert: Reports the Ferry St. Bridge (#505) will be a federal project and cost roughly \$300,000. to renovate it. County 20% share would be around \$50,000. Bridge is a National Register candidate, and Bob has sent a request to the historic preservation people for approval to renovate rather than replace it. Belden bridge was a candidate also, and there were no problems with repairing it. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.


Lester D. Templin

Darle Dawes


Brian Hauptert

ATTEST: 
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor