

January 26, 1998

Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order in the courthouse with all members attending. The 1/20 minutes were approved as written, motioned by Brian, second by Darle and passed. Darle motioned to accept a quote from "The Wood Shed" for \$150. to repair the Commissioner Room table legs, second by Brian and passed. Commissioners noted receipt of a TORT notice in regards to the deaths of Robert and Scott Carty. Co. Attorney Mattern will pass the information on to our insurance carrier. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. Brian motioned to add Congressional School Fund to the list of funds that receive a

portion of the interest monies earned from the total monies on deposit (TMOD), second by Darle and passed. For list of additional funds sharing interest see minutes of 8/5/96. Commissioners will contact Quality Electric to wrap the heat pipes in the Assessor's office in an effort to force more heat upstairs.

Carroll Street Bridge agreement with the City of Wabash will be revised, as per Bob Luce of Butler Fairman & Seufert suggestions. County and City Attorneys will collaborate.

Cindice Barrus lawsuit: Chairman Templin signed the settlement agreement on behalf of the county. The county agreed to settle with Mrs. Barrus for \$3,000.

Larry Rice, County Highway: In regards to the Jerry Ault request for a sign indicating CR 400 S at the intersection with St. Rd. 15, both Larry and Les checked. Signs are in place, but because of the state highway right-of-way, they are not at the intersection. Larry had estimates ranging from \$18,000 to \$25,300 for a new pick up truck for the department. Estimates are for on lot models, either 2 wheel drive or 4x4 models, even one includes a plow. Larry figures \$800. to \$1,000. for a trade-in. A pick-up with a plow would be helpful for clearing parking areas and use in some of the small towns, plus add an additional snow plow to the fleet. Bill Kline would be assigned the job. Commissioners asked Larry to get prices for a 4x4 with a plow. Larry reports Bruce Shaw, who on his own initiative, plows the Roann Corp. area, has asked the county to donate a load of sand for his efforts. Commissioners agreed, and applaud his work.

Larry asked if the rip rap needed on the Bechtold ditch reconstruction project on CR 1175 N is to be provided by his department. Commissioners say yes, it's part of the agreement. Henry Hatfield presented a petition signed by himself and 18 of his neighbors, requesting CR 900 N from CR 400 W to the tree line (1/4 mi.) be paved. Larry will report on the matter next meeting. Larry asked about submitting a bill from INDOT for the county's 20% share of Phase I of the Old State Rd. 15 project. \$26,790.50 is our share of the total cost of \$133,952.50. Darle motioned to pay the bill in hopes of pushing the project forward, second by Brian and passed.

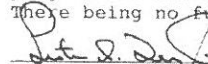
Miami Street Bridge project: Engineer, Herb Underwood, indicated a bill sent to the City of Wabash by John Camden Construction in the amount of \$5,278.01 is for materials for storm sewer work done as part of the project. Herb will contact Bill Hapner at the street department. Also, Herb says he and Larry Rice will sort out the discrepancy in the figures for rip rap delivered to the sight. Larry's figures are about 50 ton lower than Camden figures, and Herb says that may be because Camden counts number of truckloads delivered rather than actual weight.

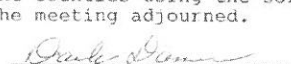
Construction Inspection Services Proposals: At 10:30 a.m. Darle moved to close acceptance of quotes, second by Brian and passed. Since only one proposal was received, from Butler Fairman and Seufert, following review of the proposal, Brian moved to accept the Butler Fairman & Seufert quote, second by Darle and passed.

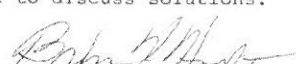
Bill Solomon, American Timber Bridge and Culvert Co.: Presented a proposal to replace two structures in Liberty Twp., # 32 on CR 900 S & CR 775 E over the tributary to Wilson Creek and # 51 on CR 600 E & CR 975 S over the tributary to Grant Creek. John Camden Construction would do the work, Herb Underwood would do sight engineering and construction supervision. The bridges are designed in accordance with federal standards, and are warrantied for 20 years on the bridge and 25 years on the deck. Herb says we have several wooden bridges around the county that are holding up well. Larry Rice reminded we have another proposal from AECON, and there is another one due. Commissioners will wait until next Monday to see if the 3rd proposal comes in before deciding. Mr. Solomon left a tentative Notice to Proceed with Commissioners.

At 1:00 p.m. the Board of Finance held its annual meeting. Members include the three Commissioners and County Treasurer Ann Gillespie. Brian Hauptert was voted chairman and Ann Gillespie, secretary.

Reconstruction ditch software: Ann Gillespie, Surveyor John Stephens, deputy surveyor Cheryl Slee and ATEK/Manatron representatives, Mark Ramer and Jim Flake met to discuss their concerns with Commissioners. Mr Flake apologized for ATEK's lack of response to our problems with the program, and indicated they are working hard on solutions. In the mean time they agreed to suspend monthly charges to the county for use of the program. They hope to have a resolution by April, and are scheduling a meeting with programmers and users from the eight counties using the software to discuss solutions. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.


Lester D. Templin, chairman


Darle Daves


Brian Hauptert

ATTEST: 
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor