

November 2, 1998

Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room with all members attending. Minutes of the 10/26 meeting were approved as written, motioned by Brian, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the Clerk's Monthly Report and a permit renewal request to the IN Dept. of Environmental Management for land application of paper waste in Wabash Co. by Jefferson Smurfitt Corp. They reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket, the Payroll Check Register and the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Noted a duplicate copy of a letter sent to Atlas Building Services, Inc indicating paint is peeling on the dome from last year's work. Mary Ellen Rudisel of Scarce, Rudisel & Associates, sent the letter after being on the roof on another matter. No response from Atlas to date. Commissioners reviewed a letter requesting their consideration of all the circumstances in a grievance matter. Brian moved to support the supervisor's decision in reference to the employee's grievance, second by Les, and approved, with Darle voting nay. Brian and Steve Johnson of the Solid Waste District are looking for a used trash dumpster (about 4 cu. yd.) for recycling at the courthouse. Manchester Recycling would service it weekly. Commissioners discussed the Warner building in No. Manchester that's due to come to the county thru the delinquent tax process. The owner has asked for an extension to redeem it. Commissioners have safety concerns, and Darle moved to stay with the prescribed schedule for handling delinquent properties rather than breaking precedent and allowing an extension, second by Brian, and passed. Brian and Les heard from a Courtland Ave. resident with concerns about hazardous dumping by S & R Industries. Brian asked Bill Bradley of WEDCOR, who sets the restrictions for the Industrial Park, to look into the matter. Steve Johnson will join Bill.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: The Elliott Rd. bridge is in place, and should open this week. They're still hauling backfill and concrete needs poured. They got the old bridge broken up without blasting. Regarding the Charles Shaffer water problem in Laketon, Larry thinks a culvert to the north of the area would be the best solution, but he'd like John Stephens to look at it. The existing culvert, and two tiles in the area if repaired and cleared, could dump more water on Shaffer ground. Brush has been cut back at CR 1200 S and CR 450 W to improve visibility. Les told Larry that Charley Alvey and Alan Jones of Bernardin & Lochmueller will be here Wednesday to look at the area. Larry thinks maybe a STOP sign for east bound traffic on the radius of the curve is a temporary solution. Larry reported all bids for highway supplies for 1999 appeared okay. He noted stone prices went up significantly, which could affect the amount of chip and seal work we can afford. Brian moved to accept all bids submitted for 1999 supplies for the highway department, second by Darle, and passed. Larry said crews spent 450 hours mowing this year, and we may need to replace the oldest mower for next year. Commissioners signed a settlement letter from Employment Security Insurance for Bill Kline's work related finger injury. The settlement is covered by Workman's Comp. insurance. Commissioners signed a "letter of understanding" from IN Dept. of Transportation regarding the anticipated local detour while the state works on St. Rd. 105 at Huntington Co. Rd. 500 N. Larry says a GTE request to bury cable along the road on CR 1300 N just west of Cr 200 W looks okay, so Commissioners signed approval. Larry presented a petition with 132 signatures, asking that all YIELD signs be changed to STOP signs in the county. Commissioners must decide if they will include towns in the change, and how the project would be phased due to the cost. Larry will prepare some figures before Commissioners make a decision. Larry reports some pine trees located in the right-of-way (18 ft. from the center of the road) were cut during mowing, and the owner wants the county to replace them. Consensus is that they shouldn't be in the right-of-way. Les asked Larry to look at the culvert near the Odd Fellows Cemetery at LaFontaine. The culvert is broken down and they couldn't do burials due to surface water from heavy rains. Larry reports crews have been working on the water problem around the Denniston property near LaFontaine.

Tom Mattern, Commissioner Attorney: Reported the contract with MidState Contractors for roof work looks okay if the \$166,249. amount includes skylight repairs, and the proposed completion date of nine months is correct. Commissioners concur on both matters, and signed the contract. It now needs signed by the contractor. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Lester D. Templin, Chairman

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Darle Dawes

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Brian Hauptert

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor