

October 25, 1999

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order in the courthouse with all members present. Commissioners reviewed the Clerk's and Treasurer's Monthly Report for September, and the Jail/Memorial Hall custodian hours. They reviewed with Commissioner Attorney, Tom Mattern, the specifics of a contract with Butler, Fairman & Seufert for the construction inspection staff for the Carroll St. bridge, and signed the agreement. They reviewed with Co. Assessor, Kelly Schenkel, a contract with Accurate Assessments, Inc. for collecting new construction assessments, then signed the contract.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Everything from St. Rd. 13, west to the county line and from St. Rd. 114, north to the county line, is side ditched and bermed. There's a drain plugged with concrete chunks and other debris, about five feet from the new platform installed by Bond Flex Industries in Laketon. It's causing water to flood onto the Bob Rager property, and Brian will ask Bill Bradley of WEDCOR, to direct Bond Flex to clear the debris, then the county will maintain it. Larry had a quote of \$17,080.38 from St. Regis Culvert, Inc. for a steel box culvert with an opening of 53.5 ft., for Paw Paw Twp. bridge # 21. He doesn't have an installation estimate, but feels it will be higher for the steel structure. Since Commissioners question the longevity of steel versus aluminum, Les moved to install an aluminum box culvert from DebCo Metal Culverts at a cost of \$18,058.93, with installation by Hank's Construction at \$9,000., second by Darle, and passed. Larry noted last week employees made three runs to remove small dead animals from county roads. He asked Commissioners if they want this policy continued due to the manpower costs, but they made no changes today. Larry had a letter from Steve Hull with the IN Dept. of Transportation, indicating the state and the railroad agree to install lights at the crossings on CR 500 N and CR 50 E, in exchange for closing the crossings at Ruth St. in Urbana and CR 950 S. Both Les and Darle have heard opposition to the proposal, and no decision was made to proceed with the project. Larry said the H. E. Miller ditch on CR 1400 N, east of CR 200 W needs work. Tile is broken down, and both sides of the road are swampy because the water can't get away. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor