

November 8, 1999

Wabash County Commissioner Chairmen, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all members present. Minutes of the 11/1 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the Jail/Memorial Hall custodian hours. Les reluctantly moved to pay \$4,000. to the Smithsonian Institute for the Jenks Breech-Loading carbine gun, reluctantly second by Darle, and passed. Payment will come from the Commissioners liability insurance account. The gun, on loan from the Smithsonian, was missing from the museum inventory several years ago. Darle thinks anything on loan to the county should be returned. Commissioners completed and signed a health insurance proposal package for county employees. The Auditor will mail information packets to vendors, who have until 1/3/2000 to respond. Tom Mattern, Commissioner attorney, reported he has spoken with Judge Vanderpool, in preparation for proceeding with condemnation plans for Old St. Rd.15 S right-of-way acquisition. They also discussed the need to appoint unbiased land appraisers. After reviewing three copy machine estimates, Les moved approval for the County Extension office to purchase a Canon copy machine for \$4,250., second by Darle, and passed. Payment will come from the Commissioner new equipment account, and Commissioners will pay for maintenance, since other offices use the machine. The Extension office will pay for toner.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry says two requests from GTE to bury cable along county roads look okay, so Commissioners approved them. One is 6 feet from the edge of the road along CR 150 W between the addresses 1166 N and 1708 N, and the other is 9 feet from the road along CR 400 S, west from Bailey Road to Boyd J. Hines Avenue. Larry says because of good weather, they're still side ditching and berming, and Darle said he had received a complaint that some ditching is too deep. Mike Scime, with Norfolk/Southern Railroad told Larry he would attend public hearings on closing two crossings in Wabash County. Right now, the project is on hold, and Commissioners think the CR 50 E crossing will have to remain open, as it is used by emergency vehicles. Larry said John Speidel, Jr., with Butler, Fairman & Seufert, asked about interest in saving bricks removed from the old Carroll St. bridge sidewalk. Commissioners differ in their opinions, and will defer a decision until they talk with John.

Tina Edwards, Chief of Probation: Tina had a contract for year 2000 emergency shelter care for juveniles at White's Residential & Family Services facilities. Tina recommends the county continue to reserve five beds daily in the semi secure facility, and says some times they need additional beds. The new rate per bed, per day, will be \$94.50, up from \$85.50 in 1999. Additional beds may be reserved on an as needed basis at the \$94.50 rate. Commissioners signed the new agreement.

Highway Supply bids for 2000: At 10:00 a.m., Les moved to close the bidding period, second by Darle, and passed. Brian opened and read the proposals, and Mr. Mattern reviewed them to make sure they met requirements. Bids were: # 1 Stone: (A) Stoneco., Inc., Peru, (B) Irving Materials, Huntington, (C) Rock Industries, Peru. # 2 Gravel: (A) Siders & Son Gravel, Roann, (B) W W Gravel Inc., Roanoke. # 3 Sand: (A) W W Gravel, (B) LaFontaine Gravel, Inc., LaFontaine, (C) Rock Industries. # 4 Liquid Asphalt Emulsion: (A) Koch Materials, Warsaw, (B) Seneca Petroleum, Michigan City. # 5 Liquid Asphalt: no bids. # 6 Cold Mix: (A) Phend & Brown, Milford. # 7 Hot Mix: (A) Phend & Brown, (B) Ranger Materials, Warsaw, (C) Gaunt & Son Asphalt, Wabash. # 8 Unleaded Gas: (A) North Central Cooperative, Wabash, (B) J.M. Reynolds Oil Co., Inc., Wabash. # 9 Diesel Fuel: (A) Petroleum Traders Corp., Ft. Wayne, (B) J.M. Reynolds. # 10 Bridge Material: (A) American Timber Bridge & Culvert, Inc., Fishers. # 11 Cold Mix (high performance): (A) Phend & Brown. # 12 Blades: (A) American Wire, Rope & Sling, Ft. Wayne. # 13 Culvert Pipe: (A) DebCo Metal Culverts, Francesville, (B) U.S. Filter, Indianapolis, (C) St. Regis Culvert, Inc., Indianapolis. # 14 Road Sign Supplies: (A) Hall Signs Inc., Bloomington. # 15 Tires: no bids. # 16 Motor Oil: (A) Waggoner's Oil Co., Ft. Wayne, (B) Aero Oil Co., Ft. Wayne. # 17 Calcium Chloride: (A) General Chemical Industrial Products, New Jersey, (B) IMC Salt, Inc. Kansas, (C) Cargill Salts, (D) Morton Salt Co., Chicago. # 18 Equipment Rental: (A) Phend & Brown, (B) Hanks Construction, Wabash, (C) Camden Construction, Pierceton, (D) Hertz Equipment Rental, New Jersey, (E) Siders & Son, Roann, (F) New Holland, Inc., Indianapolis, (G) Beer & Slabaugh, Nappanee, (H) Gaunt & Son Asphalt. Les moved to take all bids under advisement, second by Darle, and passed. Larry will review the proposals.

Voter Registration Program: County Clerk, Jo Ann Hettmansperger, and Mark Ramer, with Manatron Corp., presented a contract for the new year 2000 compliant program. It is "Windows" based, and works thru personal computers. \$20,000. for the new program has been approved for Jo Ann's 2000 budget, and 15% may be withheld until the Clerk is happy with the training and program. The program is being used in other counties, and can be pre-tested before Jo Ann switches from the current system. Les moved to sign the contract with Manatron for the equipment, software and maintenance, second by Darle, and passed.

John Speidel Jr., Butler Fairman & Seufert (BF&S): John says an IN Dept. of Transportation (INDOT) error last February has put the Carroll St. Bridge project in jeopardy. BF&S pointed out an amount error in the bridge plans of \$190,000. rather than the correct amount of 1.9 million for the federal share of the project. INDOT didn't get it corrected, and ended their fiscal year September 30th. Now INDOT says there isn't enough money allocated for the bridge replacement. Currently, the state has bid letting scheduled for March 21, 2000, and the worst case scenario would postpone the project until the 2000/2001 fiscal year, but John doesn't expect that to happen. He's keeping in contact with INDOT, and the money error has been referred to a higher level. John also said a permit from U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services to work in the water takes about 90 days, and the job contractor must make the application, so that would set June 2000 as the earliest date for work to begin. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor