

March 27, 2000

Wabash County Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 3/20 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the Jail/Memorial Hall custodian hours, and signed a letter of thanks to State Senator Harold "Potch" Wheeler for his assistance in acquiring Build Indiana funds for the Sears building renovation, to house the museum. They noted bid letting for the Carroll Street bridge construction went as scheduled March 21st, and bids came in under the estimated \$2,294,911. for the federal project. Les moved to approve the purchase of a Lawnboy 2 cycle mower, for use at the jail and Memorial Hall, second by Darle, and passed. The \$569.95 payment will come from Memorial Hall account 441. John Speidel Jr., with Butler Fairman & Seufert (BF&S), got Commissioner signatures on the federal aid project update report on old State Rd. 15 S. BF&S will get the completed form to INDOT. Ijamsville resident, David Edwards, asked the county to repair Grafton St., the only paved street in town. There's potholes and standing water at the intersection with CR 200 W. Commissioners referred the matter to the county highway department. Commissioners agreed that the county continue to follow state regulations under IC: 13-17-9-1 rather than have their own burning ordinance. Commissioners signed grant renewal applications presented by Shelly Neal, and a new grant request from Co. Prosecutor, Alfred Plummer. The grants have "in kind" services or monetary match requirements, and are thru the IN Victims Assistance Network. Some of the grant money is used to provide a counselor for victims of felonies and misdemeanors, as required by law. If approved, these grants run July 1st thru June 30th. Upon the recommendation of Wabash Co. Hospital Executive Director, David Hunter, Darle moved to re-appoint Lee Shellhamer to the hospital Board of Directors for a four year term thru March 31, 2004, second by Les, and carried. Commissioner Attorney, Tom Mattern, reports the county roads abandoned in the 12/18/89 minutes of the County Commissioners, did not follow required procedures, consequently making the issue null & void. County Surveyor, John Stephens updated Commissioners on his negotiations with the railroad to get a permit to bore under the tracks to lay pipe as part of the Urbana Drainage project. At this point the railroad hasn't granted permission.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry says there will be another partnering meeting on new U.S. 24 E on 4/11/00 he'll be attending, and invited Commissioners to join him. Terry Bell of Somerset complained to Larry about county vehicles tearing up his yard when clearing snow and turning around. Les suggested having the Somerset area surveyed to get road and right-of-way widths as a first step. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

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Darle V. Dawes

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor