

September 25, 2000

Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the regular meeting to order at 10:30 A.M. after Commissioners met with Miami and Fulton county boards in Peru, concerning the Bolly ditch. Minutes of the 9/18 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the Clerk and Treasurer's August financial reports, the Benicomp Insurance August report, the Weights & Measures monthly report and the Memorial Hall/Jail custodian hours. They reviewed the boiler inspection report, and learned Quality Electric has been contacted to make the needed repairs to the Courthouse and Memorial Hall boilers. Attorney, Tom Mattern, noted changes in the new contract with Intellenet for long distance phone services for county offices. The county switched to Intellenet, offered thru a state umbrella, on the recommendation of consultant, Steve Kasper last year. Tom says the most notable change within the seven new pages, is a section that dissolves the provider of any liability. The Auditor noted it has taken nearly a year to get the program running smoothly, and it would be nice to give it another year. Darle moved to sign a one year contract with Intellenet, second by Les, and carried. Commissioners told Larry Rensberger, Roann Fire Chief, they haven't yet talked with Life-Med about emergency response coverage changes in Paw Paw Township north of State Rd. 16. Commissioners told Emergency Management director, Paul Bergman, to explore alternatives for providing food for workers at the scene of an emergency, before using his Emergency Fund for that purpose. Paul will check with the Red Cross, who has helped in the past, but wasn't available this past weekend. Instead, local businesses donated food, this time. Paul is quite upset with Verizon, who has tacked additional charges, above the contract fees, to his phone bill for the Reverse 911 lines. He is looking to the Indiana Regulatory Commission for help.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: CR 300 E work is completed, except the county may lay some berm stone later. Work on Durnbaugh road should start in 2-3 weeks. Larry will tell Joe Updike with ASCS to contact Commissioners about a request for the county to replace a 30" pipe (in good shape) with a 36" pipe, to enlarge a culvert on private property. In response to Brian's question, Larry doesn't expect guardrail to be added on just finished CR 650 E at CR 600 E and new 24 E. It would be in place now, if they had planned for it. Commissioners set 10/30/00 at 9:00 A.M. as the deadline to accept highway supply bids for 2001. Larry told Commissioners the state has accepted a low bid of \$29.71 a ton from the Detroit Salt Co. LLC for rock salt, and Larry can get his supply from them at the same cost. Cargill's price is \$35.48 a ton, both are stockpiled in Ft. Wayne and prices include delivery. Les moved to accept the state price from Detroit Salt, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners set 11/20/00 at 9:00 A.M. for a bid deadline for a new truck chassis and equipment for the highway department. Larry says an LTAP report on sufficiency ratings for bridges, ranks Wabash Co. 7th in the state, and that's good. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor