

October 2, 2000

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 9/25 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim and Allowance Docket, the Payroll Check Register and the August and September Accounts Payable Voucher Register. They reviewed the September Financial report. Commissioners approved additional appropriation requests for postage (\$10,000.) and Wards of Court (\$100,000.) from the Commissioner budget for the rest of 2000. The Auditor will prepare the request for the 10/23 Council meeting. They reviewed and signed the Emergency Management quarterly report presented by Paul Bergman. Toby Steffan with Butler, Fairman and Seufert updated on Carroll St. bridge progress. The old structure is removed, and they'll be working on pilings and pouring concrete next week. Larry Rensberger, Roann Fire Chief, Tim Niccum, Wabash Fire Chief and Marvin Gheen with Life-Med ambulance service, joined in their support of Wabash City ambulance responding to Paw Paw Twp. calls north of State Rd. 16. All say Wabash can respond faster to the area. There was talk of making CR 300 W the dividing line for Wabash City and Life-Med. The current county contract with Life-Med doesn't specify a coverage area. The response area (everything north of St. Rd. 16) is verbal. The departments will suggest boundaries for Commissioners next week. The chiefs also said there were things that needed addressed by the 911 board, and voiced their support of a central dispatch system.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept: Work on CR 175 E and 180 E is complete, and Larry thinks the underseal work looks good now. County crews will do some berming and driveway repairs. Commissioners signed Larry's 2001 supplies and equipment needs list, in advance of advertising for bids which will be accepted until October 30th. Larry, Les and possibly Darle, will attend the Somerset board meeting set for 10/09 at 7:00 P.M. to discuss Somerset road repairs, and resident responsibilities. There are 21 property owners who would need to have repair work done for this project to proceed. A decision must be made about eliminating grassy centers in cul-de-sac's, and there's some question about ownership of the cul-de-sac centers. Currently, large equipment (buses, plows, trash trucks) can't turn around without getting off the road. Highway crews could get culvert work and berming done this fall in preparation for chip and seal work next summer. The next town meeting is in mid November. Larry says the Old Rd. 24 W road striping choices are \$5,000. for painting or \$23,400. for thermoplasty, which is reputed to last 4 to 5 times longer than paint, which usually lasts about a year. Les moved to direct Larry to ask the Co. Council for an appropriation of \$23,000. from Local Road & Street for thermoplasty work on Old 24 W, second by Darle, and passed. Les also moved for Larry to request \$42,000. from Cumulative Bridge for repairs to Lagro Township bridge # 10, second by Darle, and passed. Larry says a request from GTE to bury cable along CR 800 E from 7238 N, north for 700 feet, looks okay, so Commissioners signed approval. Larry says he will post a notice, and advertise, for a new employee, as one has submitted his resignation, partly due to insurance costs. Last week D. & J. Radabaugh repaired a section of ceiling, in the shop area, that fell. Larry will contact our insurance, and hopes his budget can stretch to cover repair costs. While the ceiling was exposed, Larry learned the lighting is grounded thru the switch, and he will ask Quality Electric to look at it. Commissioners accepted proposals for bridges # 13 and 28 from: United Consulting, Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Bernardin and Lochmueller, and RQAW Corp. Darle moved to take all proposals under advisement, so Commissioners could study them, second by Les, and passed.

Judicial Building: Tom Haste with Prince/Alexander Architects updated Commissioners on funding commitments to date. He reports the performance bond is in place for Minnick Construction. Haste had a contract with M & W Construction for finishing carpentry, and Les moved to accept and sign the M & W contract, 2nd by Darle, and passed.

Weights & Measures director: Commissioners interviewed the three applicants for the position, Linda Harris, Bridget Holley and Jim Michel. Since Bridget and Linda weren't given study guides for the mandatory test, it was postponed until 10/10 at 2:30. Mr. Michel has already passed the test. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST:

Carol Stefanatos, Auditor