

October 30, 2000

Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioner Conference Room in the courthouse, with all members present. Minutes of the 10/23 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. They learned that Dan Drabenstot, owner of Dan's Tree Service, removed the evergreen tree stump on the northeast corner of the courthouse grounds, in appreciation of helpful service from courthouse employees, since he had the machine with him. Toby Steffan with Butler, Fairman & Seufert, and site coordinator on the Carroll St. bridge project, reports work is progressing with a few glitches that have been resolved. He says about \$320,000. of the contract has been paid to date. Les moved to approve a HAZMAT (hazardous materials) plan, plus amendments, for Wabash County, presented by Paul Bergman, Emergency Management director. It has been approved by the state and locally, by the Emergency Management Advisory Council and the LEPC (local emergency planning council). Second by Darle, the plan passed. Les moved to approve the updated Wabash Co. Emergency Management ordinance, second by Darle, and passed. It has been reviewed by the state attorney's office and Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern. Phillip Van Baalen, Weights & Measures director, reports there's a lot of work to be done, and he may not get it all done by the end of the year. Mary Ashba with the Council on Aging presented claims on the 5311 Transportation Grant for Commissioner signatures. She says they're keeping four vans busy this year, and they may need to add a fifth one next year.

Highway Supplies bids: At 9:00 A.M. Darle moved to close the bidding, second by Les, and passed. Brian read the bids and Tom Mattern reviewed them for compliance. The Ranger Materials, Warsaw, bid was disqualified, as it arrived at 9:40. After all bids had been revealed, Les moved to take them under advisement, second by Darle, and passed. Item 1 Stone: A. Rock Industries, Peru B. Irving Materials, Inc., Huntington. Item 2 Gravel: A. W & W Gravel Inc., Roanoke, B. LaFontaine Gravel, Inc., LaFontaine C. Siders & Son Gravel, Roann. Item 3 Sand: A. LaFontaine Gravel, Inc. B. Rock Industries, Inc., C. W & W Gravel, Inc. Item 4 Liquid Asphalt Emulsion: A. Koch Materials Co., Warsaw B. Pierceton Trucking, Laketon. C. Seneca Petroleum Co., Crestwood, IL. Item 5 Liquid Asphalt: A. Laketon Refining Corp., Indianapolis B. Pierceton Trucking Co. Item 6 Cold Mix: A. Phend & Brown, Milford. Item 7 Hot Asphalt: A. Gaunt & Son Asphalt, Wabash B. Phend & Brown. Item 8 Gasoline: A. North Central Cooperative, Wabash B. J.M. Reynolds Co, Inc., Wabash. Item 9 Diesel Fuel: A. Petroleum Traders, Ft. Wayne B. J.M. Reynolds Co. Item 10 Bridge Material: A. St. Regis Culvert, Inc., Indianapolis B. American Timber Bridge & Culvert, Inc., Fishers. Item 11 High Performance Cold Mix: A. Phend & Brown. Item 12 Blades: A. American Wire, Rope & Sling, Ft. Wayne and a notice from Winter Equipment Co. Willoughby, Ohio, that they weren't bidding. Item 13 Culvert Pipe: A. ADS Inc., Grabill B. St. Regis Culvert, Inc. C. Debco Metal Culverts, Francesville. Item 14 Road Signs: A. Hall Sign & Post. Inc., Bloomington. Item 15 tires: no bids. Item 16 Motor oils: A. J.M. Reynolds, Inc. B. Jackson Oil & Solvents, Ft. Wayne C. Waggoner's Fuel Co., South Bend. Item 17 Calcium Chloride (liquid): A. Pierceton Trucking, Inc. B. AJP Corp., Goshen. Equipment Rentals: A. Camden Construction Co., Pierceton B. Hank's Construction, Wabash C. Siders & Son Gravel D. Phend & Brown E. Beer & Slabaugh, Inc., Nappanee F. Gaunt & Son Asphalt. See Bidders Record 1 in the Auditor's Office, for a breakdown of the bids.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Side-ditching and berming in Somerset is almost done, except for some clean-up. They're going to berm Frances Slocum Estates, too. Les hasn't had any complaints, and Larry has had some positive responses. He says the county work shouldn't interfere with a two year water company project. After discussion, Les moved to select Debco Metal Culvert's \$29,502.50 quote and Hank's Construction quote of \$10,000. for installation, for Lagro Twp. bridge # 10, second by Darle, and passed. There were also quotes from St. Regis Culvert, Inc. and Renewal Enterprises. Co. Council has already approved \$42,000. for the project. Larry says a request from Verizon to extend cable on CR 800 E from 11320 N to 11600 N, looks okay. Les moved to approve, second by Darle, and passed. Larry is going to explore options to prevent large trucks from making u-turns on old 24 W, at the intersection of CR 200 S. It's a traffic hazard when they jack-knife, and it happened three times last week, according to the Sheriff's department.

Old Rd. 15 S right-of-way (R/W): Jim Hamilton & John Speidel, Jr. with Butler, Fairman & Seufert (BF&S) told Commissioners INDOT guidelines indicate \$1.00 is paid for the roadway under pavement and 5% of fair market value of adjacent land, from pavement edge to R/W line. With hypothetical estimates of \$2500. per acre for agricultural ground and \$10,000 per acre for residential ground, compensations would range from \$2.05 to \$454.08. These are minimal expenses even if the value estimates are doubled. The state guidelines stipulate a qualified county employee may do the appraisals. Item 12-D of the guidelines allows the county to reimburse an individual for costs to relocate something they've built in the R/W. Making an offer to property owners, establishes the 25 day response period, and thus a basis to proceed with condemnation, if necessary. Additional R/W will need purchased from about 16 properties. Jim thinks an appropriation of \$50,000. would cover appraisal services, existing R/W purchase and some new R/W acquisition. Jim said any special exceptions would need Commissioner approval. Darle pointed out there are many owners who would gladly donate R/W to get the road in front of their homes paved, while only 50% along Old 15 S have done so, and Les noted an area church bulletin warns its parishioners to drive carefully along Old 15. The highway department could grind it to gravel for safety, or it could be closed. Commissioners will meet again next week with Mr. Speidel. 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