

November 20, 2000

Commissioner chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 11/13 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Accounts Payable Voucher Register for election claims, reviewed the Clerk's October report, the Benicomp October report, the Weights and Measures monthly report and the Jail/Memorial Hall custodian hours. They read a letter from the City of Wabash indicating the city fire service doesn't have sufficient manpower to cover emergency services for the northern part of the county. They approved payment of \$419.34 to Schlemmer Brothers for a beveled metal cover for the spiral staircase opening in the Clerk's office. Les had a copy of the Fire/Radio Antenna agreement between Wabash County and the Town of LaFontaine, that has been signed by the LaFontaine town board. It allows the county to install and maintain an antenna on the LaFontaine water tower, at the county's expense. Commissioners signed it October 16th. Upon the recommendation of Co. Assessor, Kelly Schenkel, Commissioners signed a one year contract with Accurate Assessments Inc., of Ft. Wayne, for property reassessment. It's for \$25. per parcel, to a maximum of \$12,500. After review by their attorney, Tom Mattern, Commissioners signed an agreement with United Consulting Engineers, Inc. for engineering services, on the rehabilitation of county bridge # 28 on CR 200 W over the Eel River at Laketon. The fee is not to exceed \$40,700. unless there's an agreed modification. Mr. Mattern received a TORT notice against the Sheriff and jail, and has notified our liability insurance carrier. He says the Sheriff has already taken action. Amy Hauptert-Jarvis with American United Life Insurance Co., presented a retirement savings plan proposal for county employees to Commissioners. Due to an upcoming change in our current program thru Indiana Deferred Compensation, Amy urged switching to their company. Up to 20 fund options are available, and there's no penalty to transfer. Commissioners didn't commit at this time. Les moved to approve the legal holidays for county employees for 2001, second by Darle and passed. They are: 1/1, 1/15, 2/19, 4/13, 5/28, 7/4, 9/3, 10/8, 11/12, 11/22, 11/23, 12/24, 12/25.

Co. Highway trucks and equipment: At 9:00 A.M., Les moved to close the bidding, second by Darle, and passed. Brian opened bids for a single axle and a tandem axle truck from: (1) Wiers International Trucks, Inc., Plymouth, IN (2) Ft. Wayne Mack Sales & Service, Inc., Ft. Wayne, IN (3) Circle City GMC Truck, Indianapolis, IN (4) W & W Truck Sales, Logansport, IN (5) Eriks Chevrolet, Kokomo, IN (6) Denney Olds, Buick, GMC, Wabash, IN (7) Selking International, Decatur, IN (8) Whiteford Truck Center, Ft. Wayne, IN (9) Wise International Trucks, Ft. Wayne, IN (10) Hare Chevrolet, Noblesville, IN. Also equipment bids from: (1) Transcom USA Hoosier, Ft. Wayne, IN (2) Deeds Equipment, Plymouth, IN (3) Clark Truck Equipment, Inc., Linden, IN. Van Kal Truck Equipment, Mattawan, MI sent a letter declining to bid. Darle moved to take all bids under advisement, second by Les, and passed. Mr. Mattern will review the bids for compliance.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: He attended the new Rd. 24 E inspection meeting last week with his assistant, Phil Amones. He mentioned the lack of a turn around on CR 250 N and paving on CR 300 N. He thinks the turn around is out of the question, but he'll keep reminding them on 300 N. Larry says Bob Butterbaugh requested warning signs (not speed limit) for the Fairview cemetery lanes, be placed on CR 300 E near CR 1000 N. Commissioners tabled the matter, until they had more information. Larry says a request from SPRINT to replace buried cable along CR 200 N, west of St. Rd. 15, for about 200 feet looks okay, so Commissioners signed the request. Crews have completed 128 1/2 lane miles of berm and ditch work. The 3 new mowers are in, and the 2 old ones are gone. The boom mower will be put to use after the set up is completed. The striping work on Old 24 W didn't get done before the weather cooled (it has to be 50 degrees), but Larry will encumber the funds, as a contract has been signed. John Speidel, Jr. with Butler, Fairman & Seufert, will be here next week with plans and a contract for repairs to state bridge # 13 over the Mississinewa River.

Judicial Building: Prince/Alexander (P/A) representatives, Jeff Stinson and Tom Haste, updated on project progress over the last 30 days, and projected work over the next 30 days. Work is 5 weeks behind the revised schedule, or 15 weeks behind the original schedule. Haste presented 4 change orders: (1) \$10,519. additional for concrete foundation (2) \$670. for additional bond coverage for # 1 additional above. Both due Campbell Excavating, Inc. (3) \$17,598.91 for added block on unstable ground, due Minnick Construction. (4) is a deduction of \$3,963. from the ADM Interiors contract, for deletion of steel stud walls and drywall from the first floor plan. Haste says the cannon in front of Memorial Hall must be relocated for the enlarged parking area, and they haven't found anyone who wants to do it, yet. He also reviewed pay application # 6 totaling \$351,964.51. Les moved to approve the 4 change orders and pay voucher # 6, second by Darle, and passed. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor