

November 27, 2000

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order with all members present. Minutes of the 11/20 meeting were approved with one correction, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. CR 150 N rather than CR 250 N should have a turn around. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. Commissioners asked their attorney, Tom Mattern, to advise WKUZ radio station, that the county will terminate their antenna agreement with WKUZ, effective 1/1/01. The county equipment will be relocated to the LaFontaine water tower. They learned from CEDIT director, Bill Bradley, that because the North Manchester Industrial Park east expansion project loan is being repaid more quickly than originally planned, since the project cost was under the estimate, he will ask the Co. Council to appropriate an additional \$11,326. towards the county's 80% share of the second installment for 2000. An additional appropriation will be needed for the 2001 payments, too, for the same reason. Commissioners support the request, as Bill says there are sufficient uncommitted funds available. After discussion with John Speidel, Jr. with Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Les moved to sign the contract with BF & S for engineering services on state bridge # 13 refurbishing, with two stipulations, second by Darle, and passed. Speidel agreed to add a not to exceed amount of \$7,000. to the contract and supply a wage scale for BF & S employees, as recommended by Mr. Mattern. Beth Miller, WASA (working against substance abuse) director, presented the group's 2001 grant recommendations. This time more money was requested, than is available, so some requests were cut. They will institute a post prom party, and move among the three districts from year to year. Next spring it will be held at Wabash High school. Les moved to support the plan presented by Beth, second by Darle, and passed. Marvin Gheen and Chris Brown with Life-Med proposed a four month plan (thru 4/01) for emergency coverage of the northern part of Wabash County. That would give them time to see how Medicare changes will affect their business. They asked for county financial support of \$54,000. over that 4 month period. Commissioners won't commit to the proposal, until further options are explored.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry says Gaunt & Son are making good progress on Durnbaugh road. They started work last week. Larry said he checked, and didn't find warning signs around any cemeteries in the county. Commissioner consensus is to not make a change, now. He had two requests to bury cable, and thought both were okay. Commissioners signed a Verizon Communications request to bury cable for 300 ft. along CR 200 N at the intersection with CR 150 W, with the stipulation that they bore under rather than cut the road, and a Sprint request to bury cable for 2800 ft. on the east side of CR 100 W beginning at CR 400 N. Larry shared a comparison chart on truck and equipment bids accepted last week. Since there were so many variations in the offered packages, Commissioners told Larry to contact five of the most competitive bidders, and get more specifics before Commissioners make a decision. Equipment decisions are on hold until the trucks are chosen. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor