

December 4, 2000

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order with all members present. Minutes of the 11/27 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Accounts Payable Voucher Register, and reviewed the Jail/Memorial Hall custodian hours. Upon the recommendation of Wabash Co. Convention and Visitors Bureau director, Trula Frank, Les moved to re-appoint Judy Patten and Todd Richards as Tourism Commissioners for two year terms thru 12/31/02, second by Darle, and passed. Richards represents the North Manchester community and Patten the hotel/motel industry. Commissioners learned that WKUZ Radio has offered to continue their contract with the county for emergency equipment space on their radio tower, at the same monthly fee of \$180, rather than doubling the monthly rent as they previously had indicated. This offer came in response to a notice from Commissioner Attorney, Tom Mattern, stating the county was severing the agreement, effective 1/1/01. Although Commissioners appreciate the offer, other arrangements have been made. Mr. Mattern reports he did research on ambulance services, and found nothing that specifically requires Commissioners to provide this service, but indicates they may provide services. Gary Masterson, with Verizon Communications, told Commissioners he would run some needed new phone cable, above ground, rather than using new underground facilities, since Commissioners need to choose a new phone system, before moving to underground cable. He suggested Commissioners contact Stephen Griggs with Verizon, for new equipment information.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry had a note from John Hartsaugh, CR 1100 N, complimenting his department on repairs done to CR 175 E and CR 180 E. Gaunt & Son has installed all the metal pipe on Durnbaugh Road, and concrete structures should be on site by early next week at the latest. Larry is impressed with the capabilities of the new boom mower. He got written addendum, explaining questioned items in the bids, from the five lowest bidders for new trucks and equipment. After discussion, Darle moved to select the lowest bids of Circle City GMC at \$46,988. for the single axle truck and Eriks Chevrolet, Kokomo, at \$52,350. for the tandem axle truck, second by Les, and passed. John Speidel, Jr. with Butler, Fairman & Seufert (BF&S), gave Commissioners sample letters, for their approval, to be sent to property owners along Old State Rd. 15 S. BF&S has also sent a request to Bruno Canzian with INDOT, asking that a preliminary field check be held to determine the scope of work for county bridge # 13, carrying River Rd. over the Mississinewa River. Toby Steffen, with BF & S, says Carroll St. bridge work is progressing, but cold weather and a cut in the contractors' workforce has slowed things down. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor