

December 11, 2000

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 12/4 meeting were approved with the correction of River Rd. to Mississinewa Rd. at the bridge # 13 renovation site, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket, the Payroll Check Register and reviewed the November financial report. They approved payment of the last payroll for 2000 on 12/22 since it is due on 12/25. After review, Les moved to approve payment of pay applications 7 and 7A as presented by Prince/Alexander Architects for the judicial building project, second by Darle, and passed. Brian signed both claims. Commissioners reviewed a quote from Kellam Contracting, Inc. to repair the courthouse south steps. The base price is \$67,006. plus two alternates, and there's a balance of \$79,050. in the courthouse improvements account, that could be encumbered for this spring job. Roussel Concrete Construction from Ft. Wayne looked at the project and declined to quote. Les moved to accept the Kellam quote plus the two alternates, for 2001 repairs, second by Darle, and passed. The alternates are an option at this time, and the Auditor will encumber the funds, since a contract has been signed. Upon the recommendation of Co. Clerk, Jo Ann Hettmansperger, Les moved to approve the software maintenance contract with Computer Systems of Indiana (CSI), for 2001, at a cost of \$13,500., second by Darle, and passed. CSI services both courts, probation and the Co. Clerk. Commissioners talked with Orley and Charlene Hawley and State Police trooper, Brent Ingram, about road conditions in Twin Lakes Estates. They learned what's needed to bring them up to specifications for county acceptance of the roads. The subdivision was platted before the planning commission was formed in 1966, and originally designated as a campground, by developers. Road maintenance isn't the only problem, as drainage, septic systems, dilapidated buildings and accumulating junk need to be addressed. Commissioners suggested forming a property owners association, and getting everyone involved in a solution. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, suggested contacting the Board of Health sanitarian for sewage concerns. Chad Dilling, Plan Commissioner, related a recent incident where Life-Med ambulance had trouble locating a victim, because the road changes from CR 1425 N to CR 1450 N. Talk of combining both numbers on signs didn't have much support, and consensus was that local responders need to know their area and it's quirks. Commissioners took the matter under advisement.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry compared equipment bids for the two new trucks approved last week. Clark Truck Equipment, Linden, IN is the lowest bidder for both, but doesn't meet specifications for the single axle truck, in particular, the hoist. Deeds Equipment, Plymouth was the next lowest bidder. Les moved to select Deeds for the single axle equipment and Clark's for the tandem axle equipment, second by Darle, and passed. Out of about 20 job applications, Larry recommended Ben Black from Laketon, and Les moved approval of Black, second by Darle, and passed. Following Larry's research report, Les moved approval to request additional appropriations from Cumulative Bridge funds, for bridges # 13 and 28, second by Darle, and passed. For # 28, over the Eel River in Laketon, United Consultants recommends \$40,700. for design engineering (county pays 100%), and \$159,500. for construction engineering, audit, ect (county pays 20% of the federal project). For # 13 over the Mississinewa River, Butler, Fairman & Seufert recommends \$7,000. for phase I, an estimate of needs. With no business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor