

Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order with all members present. Minutes of the 9/17 meeting were approved with two corrections, moved by Darle Dawes, second by Brian Hauptert, and passed. Road repair work is on Blue Star Highway rather than Blue Sky Highway, and Commissioners approved Pyramid seeking to replace M & W Construction, not release them from their contract. Commissioners reviewed the Clerk & Treasurer's August Reports and the Jail/Memorial Hall custodian hours. Lana Bousman with the Rural Community Assistance Program, asked the county to provide the matching grant funds for upgrading Servia drinking water. Servia residents annual water rates have doubled to \$150., to help cover required testing costs, but they're unable to gather the needed \$1,000. match for the project. State and federal regulations demand the upgrade. Commissioners will check the CEDIT funds commitments, but don't think money would be available before 2002. Emergency Management director, Paul Bergman, says safety requirements have tightened since the 9/11 terrorist attack, and he asked Commissioners to allow him 30 regular active volunteers, rather than the current 25. He would like to add some expertise in specific areas. Darle moved to approve an additional five people to his group, second by Brian, and passed. Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), Mary Ellen Clark, a voice for children in the court system, has severed ties with the Family Services Association in Marion and is now located in the Our Children Our Future office. She asked the county to be the legal applicant for her Criminal Justice Institute grant application to keep the program going. Funding for her program would pass thru the county bookkeeping system. Commissioners agreed. Commissioners accepted an offer from Mike Wilson at White's Residential Services to clear the area around the County Farm cemetery. He's a houseparent, looking for a community service project. Larry Rice says White's residents are also painting over graffiti on several county bridges as a community service project.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: 121.6 miles of chip and seal are completed, including Somerset and Frances Slocum Estates. Crews will start berm work soon. The highway building repairs are completed, and the bill is about \$2,000. less than estimated. Commissioners signed the notice for Highway Supply bids, with a 10/29/01 deadline. Larry had three requests to bury cable from Sprint, and upon his recommendation Commissioners signed all three. (1) On CR 700 N, west for 1500 ft. from St. Rd. 15; (2) On CR 800 N, east of St. Rd. 13 for 1600 ft., including boring under 800 N; (3) On CR 650 W for about 706 ft. north to 5888 N 650 W, beginning at Pike St. and boring under it. Larry reports additional funds need to be appropriated for the Carroll St. Bridge project, since the 80% reimbursements on our 100% payments are put in the Cumulative Bridge general fund. Brian moved to request an additional \$373,000. to the account, second by Darle, and passed. Toby Steffan, site manager on the bridge project, reports he has asked the state for an additional \$200,000. for the project, and he says the county share is 9.7% or \$19,400., at this point, but the figures could change. The state should notify the county soon, in writing. Butler, Fairman & Seufert (BF & S) engineers report Mississinewa bridge # 13 doesn't meet the same design criteria as the Hoan Bridge in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, that failed, so bridge 13 can be rehabilitated. BF & S has also taken responsibility for a software error in the bridge sufficiency report, and Wabash Co. is back to ranking 21st rather than 92nd. On the Blue Star Highway rehabilitation project, there's a concrete structure on CR 650 E in similar condition to the one being repaired on CR 600 E. Funds aren't in the state project to fix CR 650 E, but they're exploring options, and Larry will keep his eye on the project till next week. Darle and Larry will pursue a solution for a standing water problem on Jefferson St. in Urbana, near the mini mart.

CR 950 N petition to re-open between CR 200 W and Troyer Road: Todd Rager presented the petition, along with proof of publication and notice to interested parties by certified mail. The road was closed by Commissioners on 12/18/89, and Rager says he wasn't notified, or he would have objected. Closing the road, land locked farm ground belonging to Rager, and adjacent property owner, Celia Shankster, denies him unlimited access by blocking off his entrance with her truck. Shankster and Marlin Fingerle, another area property owner, are opposed to re-opening the road, thus destroying their peace and solitude. Phil Barton, Shankster's attorney, contends Rager has access to his farm ground south of the Shankster property thru a Superior Court temporary injunction, but says Rager wants the road opened so he has access to his ground north of Mrs. Shankster without having to put in a lane across his own ground. Rager contends there was a road there once that shouldn't have been vacated, and it should be re-opened, rather than him paying for a lane across his property. Commissioners and their attorney, Tom Mattern, want to make certain the road was closed properly, before making a determination on the petition, so Brian moved to table the decision pending research, Darle second, and passed

Judicial Building: Mike Murphy, with Pyramid, has verified that M & W Construction has bond protection, and the only bidder to complete their work is Premier Contractors at \$133,500. for labor and oak materials for the stairway. That's just under \$50,000. more than our contract with M & W, but M & W is contractually bound to cover it. Two other firms declined to bid. Brian moved to accept Premier to complete the M & W work, second by Darle, and passed. ADM Materials notified Pyramid by fax, that they would not be able to complete their contract for the judicial building, effective 9/21/01. They did dry-wall work, and are cleaning up the mess they left, today. Murphy is expecting quotes from Kellam Contracting and Premier Contracting to complete the ADM contract. He says the status of R & M Contracting isn't good, as they're mortgaged to the hilt, and there's a legal proceeding against them elsewhere. Brian moved to approve an amendment to pay application # 16, to include a payment of \$16,162. for Ft. Wayne Roofing, second by Darle, and passed. Brian moved to light the complex parking lot with one double headed cobra light in the lower section, and two acorn lights near the judicial building, second by Darle, and passed. Murphy says a sub panel will have to be added to provide sufficient electrical circuits for computer equipment and the dumbwaiter. He's negotiating with the state ISETS program and the clerk to help cover the additional electrical costs. Commissioners told Judges' Sposeep and Vanderpool and Clerk, Jo Ann Hettmansperger, that the \$30,000. for furniture would be divided equally between the 16 persons involved, allowing \$1875 for each party. Everyone was agreeable, but the judges reminded that one jury room and 6 small conference rooms will need to be furnished. Brian will check about using furniture made from recycled products, that could be funded by the money dedicated to the project by the Solid Waste District. Judge Vanderpool noted the jury box area is quite small, and wondered what type chairs would fit the area and allow access. Commissioners told Clerk Hettmansperger she could use her current microfilm room in the courthouse basement, for storage, as long as it's not needed for another use. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Hauptert

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor