

October 15, 2001

Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 10/9 meeting were approved with the correction that highway crews did berm work in Servia rather than Liberty Mills last week, moved by Darle Dawes, second by Brian Haupert, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket and the Payroll Check Register. They reviewed the Clerk's September report and the Benicomp September medical insurance report. The Carroll Street bridge ribbon cutting ceremony will be this afternoon at 3:30 P.M. on the bridge's north side. County Commissioners, County Council members, Wabash mayor and City Council members will participate. Todd Rager, petitioner to re-open CR 950 N, apologized for possibly offending Commissioners at last week's meeting, and said the gate he put up several years ago won't come down until he and the county settle on a termination point for the road. He doesn't want it open on the south side of the river, will participate in an effort to close it officially, but the county will need to negotiate a place for trucks to turn around when clearing the road. Deb Schneider and Mary Ashba with Wabash Co. Transit, presented the 5311 Transportation grant 3rd quarter report for review, and signatures. They're about 3% ahead of this time last year, in units of service, but they're concerned that although they travel thru Urbana several times a day, they've only had three requests from that area this year. Commissioner Attorney, Tom Mattern, had the first eminent domain petitions for Les to sign.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Berm work in Servia is done. IN Dept. of Transportation (INDOT), will have someone look at the bridge on CR 650 E at Blue Star Highway. The bridge on CR 600 E is replaced, as the state prepares to turn roads over to the county. INDOT, sent a notice of bridge inspection approval regarding Bridge # 28 on CR 200 W at Laketon. Larry is getting estimates for electrical work at the highway barn, including increasing the ampere service. There's damage to several roads, CR 50 E, 100 W, 925 S, 1000 S and 1050 S, caused by loaded trucks headed for St. Rd. 13, coming from LaFontaine Gravel. Larry will notify the trucking company owner of the problem, and suggest they use St. Rd. 15, instead of using county roads to St. Rd. 13.

Judicial Building: Brian moved to approve buying mobile cabinetry for the Clerk's office from K & R Office Supply, second by Darle, and passed. Since Pyramid is still waiting for a lease option from C.S.I. for computer and phone cabling, Brian moved to authorize Les to sign an agreement with whichever estimate is the best between Verizon and C.S.I., second by Darle, and passed. Verizon offered a three or five year lease at 7% interest, with a \$1.00 buy out totaling \$41,493.64. This amount includes a phone system, but they haven't included a written explanation of the maintenance and warranty terms. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Haupert

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor