

March 11, 2002

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order with all members present. Minutes of the 3/4 meeting were approved with the correction of Phillip Schlemmer rather than Shellhamer, moved by Lester Templin, second by Brian, and passed. Commissioners reviewed custodian Dick Smith's hours. Upon the recommendation to Trula Frank, Convention and Visitors Bureau director, Les moved to approve the appointment of David Ericsson, Honeywell House manager, to complete the term of Anita Gray, no longer employed at Wabash Inn, second by Darle, and passed. Representing the overnight lodging industry, Ericsson's term runs thru 12/31/02. Brian and Darle, as chairman and vice chairman, signed the loan agreement with Wells Fargo Bank for a \$500,000. line of credit to complete the judicial center. Commissioners signed a business services agreement with MJV Group, Inc., the janitorial service for the Judicial Center. It outlines conditions and responsibilities for both parties. Commissioners signed the Covered Bridge Certification report for our two covered bridges. David Fisher and Janyll Burke, with WTH Engineering, presented a GIS mapping program. GIS capabilities come in layers, and many companies add one layer at a time, usually starting with public safety or highway department layers. Janyll says the high end, including all layers, is under \$200,000. Janyll will put together a written proposal including all layers. Brian reports he and a Barnes & Thornburg representative, met with Stephens Fabrication last week to negotiate a settlement. Both parties tentatively came to an agreement, that would allow Stephens to fulfill their contract, including adding a fence around the cooling tower. The county would agree to pay an additional \$2,023.82 in interest on contract funds being held by the county. Les moved to accept the agreement, reluctantly seconded by Darle, and passed. Darle feels a Pyramid representative should have attended their meeting to explain the interest charges. Commissioner Attorney, Tom Mattern, says appraisal reports on Old Rd. 15 S properties are due to the court on March 20th. He says once the county has placed money in a fund to cover expenses, it may proceed with intended land use, even if property owners protest thru court proceedings. Tom presented Ordinance III-2002 covering road closings' in Pleasant Township, which Commissioners signed. Tom will send Kone Elevator written notice the county wants released from the contract with them. He will specify a response deadline, and if there's no response, he will send a second letter giving notice of contract termination at the end of this contract term, in March 2004.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept: He shot a sight at the Phillip Schlemmer property, and Larry will talk with adjacent property owners before Commissioners decide on a course of action. There's a tree that needs removed on Squirrel Creek near Stockdale. Hank's Construction could remove the tree, and leave the wood for firewood, for \$500. to 600.00. Larry suggests the surveyor's assistant might oversee the half day job. College Corner Church has presented a road cut request for CR 500 W, just north of its triangular intersection with Mississinewa Road and CR 900 S. They will do all the work of placing an 8 inch drainage tile under the road, except finishing the road with asphalt. Les moved to approve the request, with a fee of \$100. due the county for maintenance costs, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners signed notices to affected property owners, of their intention to close several roads in Noble Township. The letters will go certified mail, and a notice will be published as required. County Surveyor, John Stephens reports there is no regulated drain around River Road, south of Wabash, but there are some minor obstructions along the existing drain. The entire area is flat, which hinders drainage, and there is standing water. Larry will do what he can in the road right-of-way to give some temporary relief. Stephens says certain procedures must be followed before he may hold an aggravated circumstances hearing. United Consultants Engineering representatives Mike Oliphant, Steve Jones and John Clodfelter updated on bridge #28 in Laketon. Plans are about ready for INDOT inspection, and bids could be let this December or January of 2003. It could be specified in the contract that work is to be done in the summer of 2003, to eliminate school bus detours, although it's estimated the bridge will be out for at least 90 days. Larry Rice is concerned that holding off the bidding, will increase the risk of state and federal funds being available. At 11:00 A.M. Les moved to close the acceptance of proposals for the Mississinewa Recreational Road project, a Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) project in Wabash and Miami Counties, second by Darle, and passed. Les moved to take the proposals from Butler Fairman & Seufert Engineering (BF & S), Congdon Engineering and United Consultants Engineering, under advisement, second by Darle, and passed. They will announce their decision at 11:00 A.M. on March 25th. John Speidel, Jr with BF & S, says Governor O'Bannon has cut in excess of 8 million from DNR projects, and he will decide what projects are put on hold for now. With no further Business, the meeting adjourned.

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Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor