

July 8, 2002

Commissioner chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. The executive meeting scheduled for 8:00 A.M. was cancelled, as the attorney for M & W Construction couldn't attend. Minutes of the 7/1 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the June Financial Report and the Jail/Judicial custodian hours. Ron Shaw, representing the Roann Covered Bridge Association, asked if the county had funds for painting the bridge. The association has collected funds for two prior paint jobs, and would like the county to cover the costs this time. Commissioners have a covered bridge fund, to be used for bridge maintenance. Shaw will get the names of prior painters for Commissioners. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, reminds July 19th is the deadline for a witness and exhibit list for Old Rd. 15 S. court case. He thinks project plans and the IN Dept. of Transportation (INDOT) right-of-way (R/W) hand book will be exhibits, while an INDOT representative, a R/W appraiser, Jim Hamilton with Butler, Fairman & Seufert (BF&S), plus all Commissioners will be on the witness list. Les wants to know if there are federal R/W guidelines, and where the state got their guidelines. John Speidel, Jr, with BF&S, will research this. Speidel has two appraisers lined up to testify. Trula Frank, Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) director, presented her proposed 2003 budget. The same as the 2002 budget of \$91,000., with no salary increase request, all funds come from Inkeeper tax revenues. She says the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg tour will be in Wabash two days in late August, promoting their Labor Day week-end event, and she has a busy itinerary for them. Several class reunion groups take advantage of the tram, for tours of the city. The CVB will be moving their offices to the new museum. Commissioners reviewed and signed the April thru June claim voucher for the 5311 Transportation grant, presented by Mary Ashba with the Council on Aging. Bob Brown, director of Emergency Management, presented his 3rd quarter report. He has received credit from SEMA for his May tabletop terrorism seminar. They have logged 1864 hours of volunteer and salaried work this quarter. Commissioners reviewed and signed the report.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Fair preparations by his department are complete. Larry says a Verizon request to bury cable under the Wabash Alloys entrance at 4525 W Old Rd. 24, looks okay, so Commissioners signed approval to proceed.

CR 175 E (Lagro Township): Les moved to close CR 175 E beginning approximately 2700 feet south of CR 200 N, then south for about 4200 feet, second by Darle, and passed. Larry says the cost to improve the north 600 feet for farming access is \$720. for 120 ton of stone, or \$978. for 144 ton, giving a 3 or 4 inch base, respectively. Les is inclined not to improve the 600 feet, while Darle supports a 3 inch base. Darle moved to lay 3 inches of stone on the 600 ft. of CR 175 E left open, second by Les, and passed. Roger Linsmeyer, Trustee for the Raye Wolf Levine estate, the primary beneficiary of the improved road, will present a petition with signatures supporting improvement of the 600 ft. section. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor