

August 5, 2002

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with all members present. Minutes of the 7/29 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Les moved to make corrections in the 4/1/02 minutes, correcting the year 2000 to 2002 and the road listing in three places from CR 950 N to CR 250 W, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Accounts Payable Voucher Register and reviewed the Jail/Judicial custodian hours. Commissioners reviewed a proposal from Arab Pest Control for ant treatment at Memorial Hall. They propose \$225. for a one time treatment or \$225. for an initial treatment with quarterly follow-up at \$85. per visit. The custodian has sprayed both the inside and outside without great success. Commissioners took the proposal under advisement. Les moved to support application by the Wabash Co. Council on Aging (COA) for a grant for 2003, under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act, second by Darle, and passed. Brian signed Resolution 2002-VII, supporting the application. Pat Lynn, here on behalf of the COA, reports the Senior Center will be re-named the Dallas L. Winchester Center in September, due to his support of the project. Les moved to accept a Son Construction proposal, not to exceed \$3,500., to replace the courthouse south steps to the parking lot and two sections of sidewalk, second by Darle, and passed. Havel Brothers presented two estimates for cooling the jail kitchen. Havel recommends \$13,660. to replace the existing unit with a 15 ton Carrier unit, installed and warranted for one year. The other option is \$7,861.47 to replace the 24 year old compressor in the condensing unit, along with a one year warranty on the compressor only. Les moved to repair the present unit for \$7,861.47, second by Darle, and passed. Brian signed the proposal. Dick Smith told Commissioners storm water drainage to the southwest corner of the parking lot is causing erosion. Chief of Security, Jon McDonald, told Commissioners the fire system wasn't working on the third floor of the Judicial Center. Quality Electric worked two days to find and fix water inside of, and above, a smoke detector in a 3rd floor men's room. Quality thinks there's a leak in the area of the north fan.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry presented a utility easement agreement between the county and NIPSCO for Bridge # 28 in Laketon, and Commissioners signed it. Larry reports INDOT has approved the FA-3 application for Bridge # 208 over the railroad on Old 24 W. Butler, Fairman & Seufert Engineering is putting together a Request for Proposals on #208 and Commissioners need to provide a list of companies to be contacted. Larry will have a professional check the sinking floor in the highway barn, then provide Commissioners with the options. Roger Linsmeyer presented a petition to improve a 600 foot section of CR 175 E, adjacent to the Raye Wolfe Levine property. Darle moved to approve the request for about 3 inches of stone applied by the highway department, second by Les, and passed. Larry is negotiating with Miami Co. for installation of a signs on county line roads. He says the sign needing replaced is a 24 inch sign and Wabash Co. uses standard 30 inch signs. Larry indicated he doesn't want any liability issues for the county. Larry has checked the local detour for St. Rd. 13 S during construction. Slocum Trail looks good, but he estimates about \$12,000. to repair damage to CR 100 E from Slocum Trail, south to the county line. Berm work, along with asphalt and chip and seal are needed. Commissioners agreed with Larry's estimate for state reimbursement. Larry has received specifications for fire retardant for the Roann Covered bridge, but no paint recommendations. Larry is concerned about snow removal in the courthouse parking lot, due to irregular curbing. Les suggested a railing added to the protruding handicapped access, might serve a dual purpose as a guideline for plowing and assistance for visitors. Commissioners will get an estimate to install a hand rail.

CR 750 N closure decision: Commissioners reconvened at 1:30 P.M. to render a decision. Larry Rice reported he reviewed the Commissioner minutes for a 2 1/2 year period around 1975, and found no reference to Commissioner's advising Fred Lucas the road was closed. Larry also checked deed records for road right-of-way references, without success. A 1910 map in the Co. Recorder's office indicates a road, but it's not indicated on more recent maps. Property owners present were divided on closing versus keeping the road open. Les moved to vacate CR 750 N from Alger Cemetery, 2710 feet east of CR 200 W, east then south to CR 700 N, second by Darle, and passed. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor