

September 16, 2002

Wabash County Commissioner Vice Chairman, Darle Dawes, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with Brian Hauptert absent. Minutes of the 9/9 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the Jail/Judicial Center custodian hours. Commissioners discussed a letter from Co. Prosecutor, Alfred Plummer, indicating an additional courtroom in the Memorial Hall building would be better use of space, than locating the Prosecutor office there. IV-D support hearings could be held there, where security is available. Commissioners plan to meet with the judges and prosecutor on this matter, and learn why IV-D hearings are no longer held in Circuit Court. Commissioners learned a Request for Proposals (RFP), sent to Hydrosorce Engineering, was returned due to an invalid address. It was one of many RFP's mailed regarding Bridge 208 on Old Rd. 24 W over the railroad. Commissioner Attorney, Tom Mattern, asked Commissioners to set a meeting with proposed witnesses in the Old Rd. 15 S lawsuit.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry presented a bill from Eads & Son for work done on the Bill Earle tile. Totaling \$190. for work on the east side of CR 400 W, 1/2 mile south of St. Rd. 16, the county understood the highway department would check for a plugged tile, not a hired service. Commissioners made no decision to pay the bill today, as county policy has been to take responsibility for plugged drains under the roadway. Larry talked with Jim Hamilton with Butler, Fairman & Seufert Engineers (BF&S), regarding the Roann covered bridge paint quotes. Hamilton says the quotes aren't unreasonable for a job expected to last 7 to 10 years, and he will check for other companies to contact for quotes. Peter Fromelius with Atlas Services, one of the two quotes received, says prepared and primed properly, the job should hold up for 15 or more years. Commissioners won't make a decision until all three are present to vote. Commissioners set Tuesday, November 12, 2002 at 10:00 A.M. for the bid deadline on 2003 Highway Supplies. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor