

October 28, 2002

Commissioner Chairman, Brian Hauptert, called the meeting to order with all members present. Minutes of the 10/21 meeting were approved as written, moved by Lester Templin, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed the Jail/Judicial Center custodian hours, and the 10/15 minutes of the E-911 Advisory Board. Their recommendation was to contribute \$60,000.00 annually to both the City of Wabash and the Town of North Manchester and \$90,000.00 to the county. To come from E-911 funds, the money may be applied toward the wages of dispatchers. Ordinance 1990-II, established 911 service in Wabash County. Earlier today, County Council signed an amendment, which changes the monthly access line fee from \$.80 to \$2.00. Darle signed the amendment, but Brian and Lester have not. Commissioners approved and signed a bond for Circuit Court Reporter, Nancy Corn. Russell Cox, Twin Lakes Estates, reported an ongoing problem with trash being dumped in the area. He has advised the Sheriff's department of the problem, and asked Commissioners where he could dump the trash he has gathered. Commissioners advised Wabash Valley Landfill will accept trash for a fee. Plan Commissioner, Chad Dilling and Environmental Sanitarian, Harvey Omstead, will look into the trash matter. Cox also said vacating a portion of CR 750 W, poses an access problem to some lots in Twin Lakes subdivision. The matter was discussed, when Commissioners vacated the county road, and the original plat of the subdivision includes an unimproved road that would access the lots. Dilling suggested a portion of the plat could be vacated to alleviate the access problem. Legal guidance and costs would be the responsibility of the petitioner. Dilling told Commissioners he would like to move his office to the old jury room on the third floor of the courthouse. It would be convenient, as his zoning and planning boards meet in the old Circuit Courtroom. Co. Clerk, Lori Draper, is agreeable, as long as she is given ample storage space, elsewhere. Commissioners told Lori and Co. Assessor, Kelly Schenkel, they could use new cabinets now being stored in the old jury room. They may be too heavy for non-reinforced walls, but could be stacked on the floor or set on counter tops. Commissioners told Lori the clutter in Memorial Hall will be cleared before election day, as it's a polling place. Kelly had two estimates to remove radiators and pipes in the former Clerk's office. Son Construction estimated \$650 to do the job, while Mike Ridenour estimated \$450.00, if the highway department hauls the debris. Commissioners accepted the Ridenour quote.

Bridge # 208 Proposals, 10:30 A.M.: Darle moved to close acceptance of proposals, second by Les, and passed. Butler, Fairman & Seufert Engineering (BF&S), United Consulting Engineering and Congdon Engineering submitted Proposals. Les moved to take the proposals under advisement, second by Darle, and passed.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry submitted a check for \$62.50, payment for scrap from the boiler removed from Memorial Hall. Larry heard from Dee Gibson, with Whites Residential & Family Services. Eads & Son Excavating will be filling in the bank on the west side of CR 50 E. They plan to remove trees and expand the bank. Larry says the work is not within county right-of-way (R/W), and Commissioners will take no action as long as the roadway isn't affected. John Speidel, Jr., with BF&S has plans for work on the northern section of the Old Rd. 15 S project ready for submittal to the state. BF&S is still looking at a spring 2003 bidletting for the northern section. Speidel says the estimated county share of the federal project is \$650,000. in construction costs and \$150,000. for construction inspection. Speidel reports Old 15 S property owner, Jamie Gribben has a drainage structure in road R/W, and a drain thru his yard that runs into a nearby ditch. There's also a cottonwood tree at the site that will be removed in the course of the project. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

Darle V, Dawes

Lester D. Templin

ATTEST; _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor