

February 3, 2003

Wabash County Commissioner Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order with all members present. Minutes of the 1/27 meeting were approved as written, moved by Brian Hauptert, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. They learned the Probation Dept. subscribes to the Plain Dealer so they may track activities of those on probation, and has subscribed to a bottled water service for some time, as the tap water isn't fit for drinking. Commissioners had tagged those claims along with a Circuit Court claim for calendars, last week. Commissioners will have the water tested. Commissioners were advised of a meeting to learn the engineer's proposals for upgrading the Servia water system. It's set for 2/8/03 at 10:00 A.M. at the Servia United Church of Christ. Sheriff, Leroy Striker, shared application information for squad cars at \$1.00 per car. The catch is advertising on the cars, although the buyer has some discretion power. The agreement would last for 3 years, and then the cars must be stripped, painted and returned to the vendor. Commissioners will review the packet. Leroy reported the reverse 911 system is flawed, and funds expended for it could be used for better projects. Commissioners will study the matter. Pat Lynn, representing the Council on Aging, presented and explained a revised substance abuse policy for their transportation personnel. In a recent compliance review, the IN Dept. of Transportation had noted a policy deficiency. Since the county is the governing body for the 5311 Transportation program, Brian moved approval of the new policy, second by Darle, and passed. Darle says the transformer fire last Friday damaged wiring going into the courthouse. He praised Quality Electric and Cinergy for their success in restoring power by evening, by importing wiring and a transformer. The cause isn't known yet, but there are some computer problems due to the sudden loss of power. Commissioners will need reports on the cost of lost time for departments in the Judicial Center, Memorial Hall and the Courthouse.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: Larry says the header on a concrete box culvert on Old Rd. 24 E was damaged in an accident last week, and will need repairs. The box culvert on CR 100 S isn't installed, the gravel pile is frozen. Warm weather is needed. Brian advised Larry crossroad signs are missing in the Urbana area. John Speidel, Jr. with Butler, Fairman & Seufert (BF&S), recommended Commissioners add Bridge # 175 on CR 700 W at Richvalley, over the Wabash River, to their FA-3 federal aid application list. Brian moved support of the recommendation, second by Darle, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed market estimate reports submitted by BF&S for several properties along Old Rd. 15 S. They include: John Livergood, Jody Livergood, James Aswegan and Jack Gillespie. With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Hauptert

ATTEST: _____
Carol Stefanatos, Auditor