

September 2, 2003

Chairman, Lester Templin, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with all members present. Minutes of the 8/25 meeting were approved as written, moved by Brian Hauptert, second by Darle Dawes, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Accounts Payable Voucher Register. Commissioners signed approval for a road cut requested by Scott Schuler. Troy Eads will do the work on CR 200 W, .5 mile north of St. Rd. 16, placing 62 ft. of 12 inch PVC pipe across the road to run a manure line. Schuler included a check to the county for the \$100. maintenance fee. Les noted CR 700 S, west of CR 550 W needs attention. It goes to the spillway and is heavily traveled. Commissioners will check to see if a ditch in the area of the Grace Fellowship Church is certified or registered. The parking lot floods every time there is rain, and the church plans to put a drain under their driveway, which may adversely affect a neighbor. There's a tree in the side ditch, and the neighbor sandbags the ditch. Commissioner attorney, Tom Mattern, reports the professional liabilities carrier says they won't cover the Matthew Hughes estate TORT claim.

Leroy Striker, Sheriff: Leroy met with Laketon area residents last Tuesday who are interested in a neighborhood watch program. About 65 victims of theft hope to join with Sandy Beach Estates and Ijamsville to start the program, as the Sheriff department doesn't have the manpower to be anything but reactive. Striker would like Commissioners to consider an ordinance allowing 4 wheelers to travel on county roads. They would have to be registered, have headlights & tail lights. The driver must be licensed with a motor cycle endorsement, and those under 18 must wear a helmet. The ordinance would help law enforcement, and stolen vehicles are more frequently located when they are registered. Driving within towns and on state roads would be prohibited. Miami, Whitley and Kosciusko counties all allow 4 wheelers on county roads. Leroy will get additional information from those counties. Darle is in favor of the ordinance, Brian and Les are willing to look at the pros and cons. Mattern noted such an ordinance might increase liability concerns. Striker also suggested a false alarm ordinance, as his department responds to many. It's a danger to his employees, as they must treat each alarm as an emergency. Manhours are wasted and there is wear and tear to vehicles. He suggests an ordinance would allow for three false alarms, then a charge of \$25.00 would be assessed for each successive false alarm. Some are lax about repairing faulty alarms, and this would be incentive for them to do so. The City of Wabash has such an ordinance. Commissioners aren't opposed to such an ordinance. With no further business the meeting recessed.

Lester D. Templin, Chairman

Darle V. Dawes

Brian K. Hauptert

ATTEST:

Carol Stefanatos, Auditor