

Commissioner Chairman, Brian, Hauptert, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with Lester Templin absent. Minutes of the 11/15 meeting were approved as written, moved by Darle Dawes, second by Brian, and passed. Commissioners reviewed and signed the Accounts Payable Voucher Register of Election Claims. They reviewed the Clerk's October Report, the Weights & Measures Monthly Report and the Jail/Judicial Center custodian hours. They agreed local attorney Larry Thrush, may have books from the law library in the courthouse at no charge. The Auditor is to make certain books belonging to the Co. Clerk are not removed. Commissioners learned the IN Dept. of Commerce has denied the county's request for grant funds to use recycled office products. They prefer to fund high visibility projects, in an attempt to educate the public about using recycled products. Darle moved to officially accept a quote from Dave's Painting of Wabash, to patch walls and add 2 coats of paint in the former jury room of the courthouse, second by Brian, and passed. The cost is \$545.00, and he started work last Thursday, since there is a push to get the Plan Commission office relocated quickly, to make room for EMA in the courthouse basement. Commissioners also took a quote from Mike Davenport Construction under advisement, as they expect additional quotes to paint the law library in the courthouse. Co. Clerk, Lori Draper, will use the two west rooms on the main floor of Memorial Hall as storage space. Brian has talked with Dick Smith about inmates helping, and Lori will coordinate the move, so materials are organized. Darle says the first priority is to vacate the microfilm room in the courthouse basement. Chief of Probation, Dallas Duggan, left Darle and Brian copies of the proposed Mission Statement for Community Corrections. They will review it. Les is on the Community Corrections board and has a copy. Bob Brown, EMA director, has quotes for three options for his radio system, and he's waiting for options from the phone company. He hopes to be completely out of the jail by Dec. 15th, and out of his office by this Wednesday. He asked for temporary space for a desk and file cabinets in the former Commissioners Conference room. Commissioners signed agreements between the Board of Commissioners and the Wabash Co. Council on Ageing, for both 2004 and 2005. The county agrees to receive and process funds for the 5311 Transportation grant program, administered by the Council on Ageing.

Larry Rice, Co. Highway Dept.: The retaining wall at Treaty Creek on Old Rd. 15 S is done. They're placing fence and guardrail along Phase III of Old Rd. 15 S today, and plan to be done tomorrow. Larry again praised Matt Bobay's efforts, and indicated most owner concerns had been negotiated satisfactorily. He had 3 quotes to replace his roller. The Mc Donald Equipment quote of \$39,500.00 was higher than both quotes from Southeastern Equipment of Ft. Wayne. Larry recommended accepting the lower quote of \$20,200.00 for a 2001 pneumatic roller from their rental fleet. It has just under 570 hours on it, and although the warranty is expired, Southeastern has promised to provide a loaner if this one is down for repairs. Larry has looked at the unit, and is satisfied with it. Darle moved approval to buy the unit from Southeastern quoted at \$20,200.00, second by Brian, and passed. Larry also had quotes to replace the mower/tractor. Mc-Killip Equipment would provide the John Deere 5520 tractor, and Deeds Equipment would provide a Tiger mower for \$15,250., or W.A. Jones would provide a Diamond mower for \$14,882.00, after a trade-in offer from McKillip of \$14,000.00. Based on Larry's recommendation, Darle moved to buy the Diamond mower at \$14,882.00, second by Brian, and passed. He says they are still mowing a double swath, which helps when the snow comes. Butler, Fairman & Seufert Engineers (BF&S), submitted a report on Bridge # 645, the covered bridge in North Manchester. The roof, floor and paint are ending their service life, and temporary repairs are needed to keep it operational, until extensive renovation may be accomplished. Larry's crews will be working on the bridge after he gets needed materials. BF&S recommends applying for enhancement funds to cover the extensive repairs as the covered bridge account doesn't have sufficient funds. Commissioners reviewed and signed Just Compensation reports for right-of-way (R/W) acquisition along Phase II of Old Rd. 15 S. Property owners include: Robert Gray, Luther Cochran, Paul Cochran and ARCINF, LLC.

Highway Supply Bids for 2005: At 11:00 A.M., Darle moved to close bidding for supplies, second by Brian, and passed. Item 1 Stone: (A) Hanson Aggregates Midwest, Peru, IN; (2) IMI, Huntington, IN; (C) Rock Industries, Peru; Item 2 Gravel: (A) Kokomo Gravel, Peru, extends 2004 quotes to 2005; (B) LaFontaine Gravel, Inc., LaFontaine, extends prices to 2005; (C) Siders & Son, Roann; (D) W & W Gravel, Roanoke; Item 3 Sand: (A) Kokomo Gravel, Peru, extends prices to 2005; (B) W & W Gravel, Roanoke; Item 4 Liquid Asphalt Emulsion: (A) Pierceton Trucking, Warsaw, extends quotes to 2005; (B) Koch Materials, Warsaw; Item 5 Liquid Asphalt: (A) Pierceton Trucking extends 2004 bid; Item 6 Cold Mix: (A) Phend & Brown, Milford; Item 7 Hot Asphalt: (A) Phend & Brown, (B) Gaunt & Son Asphalt, Wabash; Item 8 Gasoline: (A) North Central Cooperative, Wabash, extend prices to 2005; (B) J.M. Reynolds Co., Wabash, extend 2004 bids; Item 9 Diesel/Bio Diesel: (A) Petroleum Traders Corp., Ft. Wayne, extend 2004 bids; (B) J.M. Reynolds, extend quotes to 2005; Item 10 Bridge Material: (A) Krenn Bridge Co., Inc., Kalamazoo, MI; (B) Baker & Shultz, Inc., Decatur; (C) St. Regis Culvert, Inc., Indpls.; Item 11 High Performance Cold Mix: (A) Phend & Brown, Milford; Item 12 Blades: (A) American Wire, Rope & Sling, Ft. Wayne; (B) St. Regis Culvert, Inc.; Item 13 Culvert Pipe: (A) St. Regis Culvert, Inc.; (B) DEBCO Metal Culverts, Francesville; Item 14 Road Signing: (A) Hall Signs, Inc., Bloomington, (B) Stello Products, Inc, Spencer; Item 15 Motor Oils: (A) Jackson Oil & Solvent, Inc., Indianapolis; (B) Master Petroleum Products, Inc., Auburn, IN; (C) J.M. Reynolds Oil Co., Wabash; Item 16 Liquid Calcium Chloride: (A) AJP Corp., Goshen, IN; (B) Great Lakes Chloride, Inc., Warsaw, extends their 2004 bid; Item 17 Rock Salt: (A) Morton Salt Co., Chicago, notice of no bid this year; (B) Cargill Deicing Technology, North Olmsted, Ohio, notice of no bid this year; (C) North American Salt Co., Overland Park, Kansas, notice of no bid; Equipment Rental: (A) Hanks Construction, Inc., Wabash; (B) Denney Motor Sales, Wabash; (C) Gaunt & Son Asphalt, Wabash; (D) Phend & Brown, Milford; (E) John T. Camden Construction, Pierceton; (F) Siders & Son Gravel, Roann; (G) Troy Eads Excavating, Lagro; (H) Eads & Son Bulldozing, Lagro; (I) R.L. McCoy, Columbia City. Darle moved to take all bids under advisement, second by Brian, and passed. With no further business the meeting recessed.

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Brian K. Hauptert, Chairman

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Carol Stefanatos, Auditor