

APRIL 4, 2005

The Wabash County Commissioners met in regular session in the former Circuit Court Room, Wabash County Courthouse. Chairman Les Templin called the meeting to order with all members present. Minutes for the March 28th meeting were approved as written, moved by Darle, seconded by Brian, approved by a 2 to 0 vote.

Highway Foreman Phil Amones reviewed pictures of Bridge 165 (the historical iron bridge at Liberty Mills) with the Commissioners and discussed future repairs that will be needed. The Board also discussed a drainage problem at the Mike Garrett property and will review the situation later. Jean Gilbert was present to discuss the problems with her driveway on the Phase III project of Old State Road 15 and that grass seed still needs to be sown on her property. The auditor reported that the county's share of the Bridge 13 construction costs were paid to INDOT as approved by Brian, seconded by Darle and approved by a 3-0 vote.

County Attorney Tom Mattern reminded the Commissioners of the April 21st, 3:00 P.M. hearing on the Phase II project of Old State Road 15 condemnation. He also stated he had requested a representative from Butler, Fairman & Seufert, Inc. be present.

Ralph Bolinger and Barrie Bunnell of Bunnell Land Surveying were present to discuss the road right of way at the proposed Cherry Springs Estates subdivision. They stated they have reached an agreement on the Fowlerbaugh property and have redesigned the plans for the road right of way. The Commissioners and Highway foreman Amones reviewed the revised plans. The plans will now go to the Planning Commission for approval.

Veterans Service Director Max Reed was present (along with Health Department officials) to request space on the second floor of the courthouse so that the Health Department could expand into his current space. Commissioners toured the second floor to discuss possible use of space.

The Commissioners approved the transfer of a temporary loan from the Local Road and Street fund to the County General Fund as needed and approved by the County Council for up to one million dollars. Also, the county auditor was directed to request the Council to transfer appropriation of funds in CEDIT to be used for city and county ambulance payments.

They also reviewed the Maximus estimated cost recovery plan, a customer survey from Butler, Fairman and Seufert, Inc. and approved use of the Council room for LEPC meetings by the EMA.

No other business, the meeting recessed. The next meeting will be Monday, April 11th at 9:00 A.M.