

Benton County Commissioners Minutes
January 2, 2001

The Benton County Commissioners met at 8:15 a.m., on Tuesday, January 2, 2001 in the Commissioners room at the Benton County Courthouse. Those in attendance were Commissioners Jim Gilbert, Dave Fisher, Kevin Leuck, Auditor Patty Clouse and County Attorney William Weist.

The first order of business was the re-organization of officers. A motion was made by Kevin Leuck to appoint Dave Fisher as the president of the Board of Commissioners, second by Jim Gilbert, motion carried.

The minutes from the last meeting were read by the Auditor. There was one change made to the minutes regarding Tom Glotzbach – Soil & Water. The county will not be picking up the cost of the truck, only the cost to operate the truck. With that change made, a motion was made by Kevin Leuck to approve the minutes, second by Jim Gilbert, motion carried.

After a review of claims and payroll, a motion was made by Kevin Leuck to approve the claims and payroll as presented, second by Jim Gilbert, motion carried.

A list of Commissioners appointments for 2001 was submitted. With no changes, a motion was made by Jim Gilbert to approve the appointments, second by Kevin Leuck, motion carried. They are as follows:

Commissioners Appointments For 2001

Ambulance Board Rep	James R. Gilbert
	Dave Fisher
	Kevin P. Leuck
Ambulance Director	Alberta Whitaker
Ambulance Service Secretary	Mary Wagner
Bldg. Inspector-Sanitation	Sally Slavens
Board of Zoning Appeals Member	James Hasser
Commissioners Computer Liaison	R. Jack Steele
Community Action Board Rep	Norman Skoog
County Attorney	William Weist
County Fair Board Rep.	James R. Gilbert
Courthouse Custodian	Norman Skoog
Emergency Management Director	Randy Kitterman
Fair Ground Custodian (4-H Bldg.)	Gary Smith
Health Officer	Dr. Donald McKinney
Highway Bookkeeper	Connie Brutus
Highway Supervisor	Tom Collins
N.W. In. Solid Waste Dist. Rep	Dave Fisher
K-IRPC – Commissioners Representative	James R. Gilbert
Plan Commission Members	Weimer Sondgerath
Plan Commission Rep.	Kevin Leuck
Retirement Village Superintendent	Linda Butler
Veterans Officer	F. Harold Furr
Wabash Valley Hospital Rep.	Norman Skoog
Waste-Recycling Coordinator	Jack Weber

The October Check register was reviewed and approved.

Sheriff Ernie Winchester

Ernie asked the board if they had a chance to review the Bomb Threat Policy and Procedures hand out that he had presented at the last meeting. A motion was made by Jim Gilbert to adopt the policy with no changes, second by Kevin Leuck, motion carried.

Drainage Board Meeting

The Drainage board met for re-organization. See Drainage Board minutes for details of the meeting.

Tom Collins – Highway Supervisor

Tom reported that the Indiana Department of Transportation is ready for land acquisition on Bridge #85. He would like to look over the plans with WTH Engineering. The

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Commissioners asked if Tom would contact Rex Jones – WTH to set up a time during the next Commissioners meeting with the Board.

Tom also discussed the cost difference between Hot Mix and Pug Mix. Hot Mix - \$48,128.00 per mile, Pug Mix - \$43,658.63 per mile, difference of \$4,469.67 per mile using Pug Mix.

Tom submitted his contract for the board's approval. A motion was made by Kevin Leuck to approve Toms contract, second by Jim Gilbert, motion carried.

Charlie Alvey – Bernardin Lochmueller & Assoc.

Charlie reported that they are waiting on the weather to break to survey bridge #81. It may be possible to change the contract for right-a-way acquisition for bridge #81 to do in- house by revising the contract.

Charlie is interested in the construction engineering of bridge #70. The County let date is April 17, 2001 The next step is to put out an RFP , a selection of consultants. The Auditor will prepare the Request for proposals by the county and will be mailed to construction engineer firms within the next week. A motion was made by Jim Gilbert to send out RFP for request for proposals for Construction Engineering on Bridge #70, on 200 W. 1/8 mile South of St. Rd. 18, second by Kevin Leuck, motion carried.

In Other Business:

Commissioner Fisher reported that he has received complaints from sub-contractors of Insight Communications that the reason they have been unable to place fiber optic lines on county right a way because the Commissioners are unable to cooperate with them regarding right a way agreements. Commissioner Fisher talked with Mike Jefferies, VP of Insight Communications. Mr. Jefferies told Commissioner Fisher that they did not have sufficient funds in their budget for 2001 to fund the project. He also said that the rumors were coming from his sub-contractors and not his employees. Jefferies will notify the sub-contractors that the work cannot be done due to budget restraints and not the County Commissioners being uncooperative.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

David L. Fisher

Kevin P. Leuck

James R. Gilbert

Attest: _____
Patricia A. Clouse, Auditor-Secretary