

Benton County Commissioners Minutes
February 20, 2001

The Benton County Commissioners met at 8:15 a.m. on Tuesday, February 21, 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.

Others in attendance were Jennifer Baldwin with the Review Republican.

A motion was made by Jim Gilbert to approve the minutes as presented and written, second by Kevin Leuck, motion carried.

A motion was made by Kevin Leuck to approve the payroll as presented, second by Jim Gilbert, motion carried.

The auditor presented the Otterbein Ambulance sharing contract for \$10,000. A motion was made by Jim Gilbert to approve the sharing contract, second by Kevin Leuck, motion carried.

Commissioner Fisher presented a tune-up service agreement with Klentzer's. Klentzer's will maintain and service the furnaces and air conditioners throughout the Courthouse, Jail and Retirement Village for \$3,520.00, plus parts and filters. The Commissioners approved the agreement.

Randy Kitterman – BEMA Director

Randy appeared very briefly to inform the board that he purchased a cell phone through US Cellular. He also made them aware of a \$3200 purchase he made for "Jaws". The Commissioners made Randy aware that any purchases made over \$1,000 must be approved by the Commissioners prior of a purchase. Randy said that he was aware of the policy but had forgotten about it until after the purchase was made. He assured the board that he would go to them the next time he has any purchase over \$1000.00.

Jim Gilbert also felt that the Commissioners should also present expenditures of any kind over a \$1,000.00 in an open meeting and fully agreed upon. The Commissioners agreed that anytime they approve work to be done or expenditures over \$1000, it must be presented in an open meeting and approved by the Board.

The Commissioners are again asking Courthouse employees not to park in the east parking lot, stating that the parking lot are for visitors only.

An application to cut into a county road in Union Township by Jim Dwenger was approved by the board in. Dwenger will be placing new tile for agriculture purposes, crossing county road 200 E.

Tom Collins – Highway Supervisor

Tom discussed the letter that he had written to Jake Brentzle on March 30, 1998 regarding the Meadow Sub-Division roads in Oxford.

Tom and the Commissioners discussed a letter addressed to the Commissioners and written by residents of County road 875 – 850 East. The letter was regarding the deplorable road conditions at 875 – 850 East, and asked for the County's immediate attention.

The following is a tentative agenda for county road repairs during 2001.

Location	Township	
100 N. between 300 E & 600 E	Center	Double Seal
100 S. between 100 W & 200 W	Center	Single Seal
900 E between 400 N & 900 N	Gilboa	Single Seal
1000 E between 700 & 900 N.	Gilboa	Reclaim
900 E between 300 N & 400 N.	Gilboa	Hot Mix
300 N. between 900 E & 850 E.	Gilboa	Hot Mix
500 W. between 300 S & 600 S	Hickory Grove	Double Seal
Adeway, between 600 S & 900 S	Oak Grove	Single Seal
500 S. between Adeway & 55	Oak Grove	Single Seal
200 E. between 300 S & St. Rd. 352	Oak Grove	Reclaim
500 W. between St. Rd 18 & 300 N.	Parish Grove	Double Seal

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150 S. between 850 & 800 E	Pine	Double Seal
850 E between St. Rd 18 & 100 N.	Pine	Hot Mix
100 N. between 600 E & 850 E.	Pine	Single Seal
850 E between St. Rd. 18 & 150 S.	Pine	Double Seal
500 N. between St. Rd. 55 & 400 W	Richland	Reclaim
400 N. between 300 E.& 600 E.	Union	Reclaim
600 W between 300 & 600 N.	York	Single Seal
500 N. between 500 & 700 W	York	Single Seal

The following proposals were submitted to the County Auditor for Construction Engineering on Bridge #70. At 10:00 a.m. local time, the proposals were opened.

Overhead Rate

- Beam Longest & Neff – 148.473%
- WTH Engineering 139.460%
- Floyd Burroughs & Assoc. 155.000%
- Bernardin, Lochmueller 164.550%

After a review and discussion of the proposals, Kevin Leuck motion to accept Bernardin Lochmueller & Associates to provide Construction Engineering on Bridge #70, second by Jim Gilbert, motion carried.

There was one proposal that was hand delivered to the Auditors Office at 10:50 a.m. local time from SIECO. The proposal was not opened and rejected due to it not being submitted by 10:00 a.m. local time.

Gene Piercy, LaMoine Pluimer, Dick McCabe – Oxford Lions Club

Mr. Piercy asked the Board if the Benton County racetrack would be available to use by the Oxford Lions Club this summer for go-cart racing. The Lions Club has all intentions of doing this either at the Fairgrounds or the rodeo grounds in Oxford. They would rather do it at the fairgrounds because the rodeo grounds would require high maintenance for a racetrack and then be restored back for the rodeo. The commissioners told Gene that they would need to get approval also from the fair board. The Commissioners fully endorsed the project. Commissioner Leuck said that the facility needs to be used more to benefit the county. Mr. Piercy will be contacting the fair board for their approval and if approved, work out the details with them. The Commissioners will be sending the Fair Board President a letter fully endorsing the project.

The meeting then closed for Drainage Board Meeting- Bid Openings on the Sass Ditch -

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

David L. Fisher

Kevin P. Leuck

James R. Gilbert

Attest: _____
Patricia A. Clouse, Auditor-Secretary