

COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
MARCH 23, 1998

THE GRANT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET IN THE CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MARION MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 301 S. BRANSON STREET, MARION, INDIANA 46952 ON MARCH 23, 1998 AT 9:00 A.M.

IN ATTENDANCE WERE COMMISSIONERS DICK PUCKETT, DAVID GLICKFIELD AND WALTER WOOD, AUDITOR JUDY CARMICHAEL, HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT JOHN WEBSTER, COMPLEX PROJECT MANAGER TOM PERRY, SECRETARY DAWN HARNESS AND RANDY McPIKE OF WBAT.

DICK PUCKETT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:10 A.M.

WALT WOOD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 6TH, MARCH 9TH AND MARCH 16, 1998 MEETINGS. DAVID GLICKFIELD SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE MOTION CARRIED THREE AYES.

WALT WOOD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CURRENT CLAIMS AND THE CURRENT PAYROLL. DAVID GLICKFIELD SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE MOTION CARRIED THREE AYES.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT JOHN WEBSTER REPORTED THAT NO WORK HAD BEEN DONE THE PAST WEEK ON THE BRIDGES DUE TO RAIN. HE SAID THE RAIN ALSO ALLOWED THE DEPARTMENT TO FIND SEVERAL DRAINAGE PROBLEMS THAT NEEDED WORKED ON. HE ANNOUNCED THAT HE AND COUNTY ENGINEER IRVING MILLER WOULD BE ATTENDING ROAD SCHOOL AT PURDUE UNIVERSITY ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY OF THIS WEEK.

TOM PERRY, COMPLEX PROJECT MANAGER, GAVE THE UPDATE ON WORK BEING DONE. HE SAID THE DRYWALLERS WERE DOWN TO THE LAST 50 FEET OF DRYWALL TO HANG, BUT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO COMPLETE THAT UNTIL SOME EQUIPMENT HAD BEEN DELIVERED. HE ANNOUNCED THAT THE PAINTERS WERE PRIMING ON FIRST FLOOR, CABINETS WERE INSTALLED DOWN TO THE FIRST FLOOR AND THE CEILING ARE IN DOWN TO THE FOURTH FLOOR. HE HAS ASKED BOWMAN'S CONSTRUCTION TO CALL THE ELEVATOR COMPANY, AS THEY ARE THREE WEEKS BEHIND.

WALT WOOD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND SIGN TWO CHANGE ORDERS FOR THE COMPLEX. ONE FOR McGUFF FOR \$6000. AND ONE FOR CIRCLE B FOR \$4241.50. DAVID GLICKFIELD SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE MOTION CARRIED THREE AYES.

DAVID GLICKFIELD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #3, 1998, A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION AREA FOR 4701 S. ADAMS STREET, MARION, INDIANA. WALT WOOD SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE MOTION CARRIED THREE AYES.

DAVID GLICKFIELD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE TREASURERS REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 1998. WALT WOOD SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE MOTION CARRIED THREE AYES.

WALT WOOD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAINTENANCE REPORT FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 16, 1998. DAVID GLICKFIELD SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE MOTION CARRIED THREE AYES.

THE MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 9:30 A.M.

AT 10:30 A.M. THE MEETING WAS CALLED BACK TO ORDER.

IN ATTENDANCE WERE COMMISSIONERS DICK PUCKETT, DAVID GLICKFIELD AND WALT WOOD, AUDITOR JUDY CARMICHAEL, RANDY McPIKE, BILL CLOCK AND LARRY BARNETT REPRESENTING MATTHEWS COVERED BRIDGE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

MR. CLOCK AND MR. BARNETT APOLOGIZED FOR AN ARTICLE THAT HAD BEEN PRINTED IN THE CHRONICLE REGARDING THE COMMISSIONERS AND THE COVERED BRIDGE. THEY STATED THAT THE CHRONICLE HAD NOT PRINTED WHAT THEY WERE TOLD REGARDING THE COMMISSIONERS INVOLVEMENT WITH THE BRIDGE AND A \$500,000 GRANT, AND THAT THE MEMBERS HAD DECIDED TO NO LONGER SPEAK WITH CHRONICLE STAFF.

MR. PUCKETT INFORMED THESE GENTLEMEN THAT HE HAD GIVEN A SPECIAL INVITATION TO THE CHRONICLE STAFF TO ATTEND THIS MEETING BUT THEY HAD NOT SENT A REPORTER.

MR. BARNETT STATED HE HAS TRAVELED TO SEE MANY OTHER COVERED BRIDGES, AND THAT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS VERY INTERESTED IN GETTING THE NEEDED REPAIRS, AND ALSO IN PROTECTING THE BRIDGE IN ANYWAY POSSIBLE. HE SAID ON THE WORLD GUIDE OF BRIDGES THE MATTHEWS COVERED BRIDGE IS #142701.

THE \$500,000. STATE GRANT NEEDS A \$100,000. MATCH FROM THE COUNTY AND THE COMMISSIONERS APPROVED THAT MATCH. THE COUNTY HAS ALREADY SPENT \$40,000 AND WILL ADD APPROXIMATELY \$35,000, MAKING A TOTAL OF \$175,000. THE COUNTY HAS CONTRIBUTED TOWARDS THE REPAIR OF THE BRIDGE. MR. PUCKETT STATED THAT WORK WOULD START ON THE BRIDGE IN OCTOBER AFTER THE COVERED BRIDGE FESTIVAL.

THE HISTORICAL GROUP IS TRYING TO RAISE \$23,000. TO ADD AN AUTOMATIC SPRINKLER SYSTEM TO THE BRIDGE FOR FIRE PROTECTION. THE LIONS CLUB HAS AGREED TO ALLOW THE GROUP TO USE SPACE IN A NEW CEMENT BLOCK INFORMATION BOOTH THEY PLAN TO BUILD.

THE MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 11:15 A.M.