

**REGULAR MEETING - MONDAY AT 5:00 P.M.**

The Switzerland County Board of Commissioners met in regular session pursuant to law and by being duly advertised.

Those present: commissioners: John Haskell, Mark Lohide, and Steve Lyons, the county attorney, Wil Goering, the county sheriff, Roy Leap, the county auditor, Gayle Rayles, and the commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams.

The meeting was opened by Roy who also led the pledge of allegiance.

Mark asked for a minute of silence for the passing of Millie Coy, a former county elected official and mother of the current Judge Greg Coy.

The minutes of the previous meeting of July 1<sup>st</sup> were approved as presented on a motion by Steve, seconded by John and all agreed.

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**#1 Eric Cole - YMCA**

Eric requested that the commissioners renew the YMCA contract for the county employee memberships. The contract is for \$20,000.00 for the 2013-2014 year. John stated he was not in favor of renewing the contract. Steve asked if the YMCA would renew the contract for \$10,000.00. Eric will check with the YMCA board and then return to the commissioners. Gayle advised Eric that the township trustees are not county employees. If he wants to continue to give them free memberships it is his decision but our contract does not cover them.

No further action was taken at this time.

**#2 Mike Busch - Annex Advertising**

Mike distributed information to the commissioners concerning his plans on how to market the annex. (Form attached) The commissioners agreed by consensus to Mike's plans.

**#3 Tommy Sullivan - Vending Machines at the Annex**

Mr. Sullivan requested that he be allowed to place vending machines at the annex. The commissioners agreed to a drink machine at this time. Will stated the county needs to receive a commission. Ten percent (10%) was agreed upon.

Wil advised Tommy to present a written proposal and proof of insurance.

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**#3 Ron Hocker - Computers and Police Cars**

Ron told the commissioners that Emergitech can combine mobile software for the town and county under one 5-year contract. Roy stated he has money in his budget for this service. Steve made a motion to approve a memorandum of understanding, seconded by John and all agreed.

**#4 Highway Department**

Chris Clerkin, highway superintendent, distributed an updated report on the Grants Creek mitigation. He asked the commissioners to sign the county operation report. The commissioners approved the report on a motion by John, seconded by Steve and all agreed; the report was signed.

The distributor truck should be ready to start the chip and seal process.

A discussion followed concerning the 4H Fairboard using the front loader and roller at the fairgrounds. Only someone who knows how to operate the equipment will be authorized.

**#5 Other Business**

1. *Burton House:* Bruce is to check with Ron Hocker to see if he is interested in selling this property to the county.
2. *Stump removal in the courthouse yard:* The cost for Bovard & Leap Excavating to remove the stump is \$500.00. John made a motion to approve the stump removal which was seconded by Mark and Steve abstained.
3. *Stripping and sealing the courthouse & jail parking lots:* Gayle suggested advertising for bids. The commissioners agreed by consensus.
4. *Trash ordinance:* This was tabled as Wil is still working on this.
5. *Tourism board appointments:* This was also tabled pending additional applications.
6. *Personnel policy:* Gayle explained that the personnel policy currently states employees will be paid for unused personal days at the time of their separation or retirement. There are 4 personal days awarded each year on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Therefore if a person leaves the county effective January 3<sup>rd</sup> they would be entitled to 4 days' pay. She suggested that the personal days be awarded quarterly - the commissioners agreed to this by consensus. Wil is to present a reworded policy for approval at the next commissioners' meeting. The changes will be effective January 2014.
7. *Agenda items:* Steve requested that anyone who wants to be on the agenda notify the auditor's office 48 hours prior to a meeting. Gayle clarified that would be by 3:30 p.m. on the Wednesday before the meeting on Monday.

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Other Business cont'd

- 8. *Power failure:* Steve also spoke about a protocol for the courthouse when there is a power failure, etc; especially on the weekends. Bruce and Mitch, the courthouse maintenance man, are to work on this.
- 9. *FRSD:* Steve had attended the Florence Regional Sewer District board meeting. The FRSD board is not in favor of a sewage line from East Enterprise to Florence. Steve stated he was not able to make the East Enterprise Sewer District board meeting.
- 10. *SIRPC meeting:* Mark spoke about attending the Southeastern Indian Regional Planning Commission meeting. Mark stated that grants are available for "brown fields". Mark said he would pursue this funding source.
- 11. *Mark Helt:* Mark said that two dumpsters are in place at the OVLD. The dumpsters have not been utilized as much as had been expected. He is also checking on the cost of dumpsters for old tire disposal. The health department has funds for this.
- 12. *NMC phones:* Sandra Adams, from the NMC, had a question as to why their phones, and the health dept. phones, would not work when the courthouse had a power failure. Gayle is to contact Carson Trotter of CenturyLink concerning this.
- 13. *Unkempt property:* Rosemary Bovard asked "if a person calling concerning property that needs "cleaned up" has to give their name". The consensus was that names maybe withheld.

With no further business to come before the board, Steve made the motion to adjourn, seconded by John and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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 Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor  
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