

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 sheriff, Roy Leap, the auditor, Gayle Rayles, and the commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting of November 18th were approved as presented on a motion by John, seconded by Steve and all agreed.

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#1 Carolyn Miller – Cemetery Board – Annual Report

Carolyn spoke about the work performed in 2013 by the Cemetery Board and volunteers and requested that the commissioners sign the annual report. The fund has a current balance of \$698.09. She also talked about the restoration team and her goals for 2014.

Carolyn requested that the commissioners appoint Robert Robbins to the cemetery board due to the death of board member Jerry Weisselkamper.

John made a motion to sign the annual report and to appoint Robert Robbins to the board, seconded by Steve and all agreed.

#2 Matt Hocker – Amendment to Zoning Ordinance

This zoning request was from the Switzerland County Economic Development Corporation. This amendment was pre-approved by the Zoning Board and by the Vevay Town Board. The Patriot Town Board needs to approve the amendment.

Steve made a motion to approve the amendment, seconded by John and all agreed. (Copy of amendment is attached.)

#3 Katie Collier – SWCD – Indian Creek Report

Katie distributed information to the commissioners in reference to the quarterly report for the Indian Creek Watershed Project. The 3-year contract with Historic Hoosier Hills runs through January 31, 2016. The original budget for "Task B" is \$202,000.00 with \$22,310.35 being spent to date for cover crops, heavy use area protection, and pasture planting. Katie asked how often the commissioners would like to receive updates; they asked her to return in March 2014 with an update.

REGULAR MEETING – PAGE 2**#4 Connie Wallace – EMA Director**

Connie stated that the EMA has 10 radios that need to be rebanded. She also spoke about a mass notification system. She requested that the “code red” system not be automatically renewed; the commissioners agreed to this by consensus.

Gayle will check for the renewal information. Connie is looking into other companies that provide the same service for much less money and that are easier to use.

#5 Highway Department

Chris Clerkin, highway department superintendent, had two sets of bridge plans for Bennington Pike and Detour Road. These were previously approved. The commissioners signed the documents. He also had documents titled “The Declaration of Restrictive Covenants” that need to be recorded and mailed to the Vevay-Switzerland County Foundation, the Army Corp of Engineers, and IDEM. Bruce is to file the documents.

#6 Angie Priest – 2014 Courthouse Lawn Event

Angie spoke about a “Bavarian Beer Bash” that is in the planning stage for October 3rd and 4th of 2014. The event would be held around the courthouse square and the courthouse lawn. The event would include micro breweries, food, crafts, home brew competition, music, etc.

The commissioners asked about the hours of the event, whether it would conflict with other Town events and the beer consumption.

The event’s next planning meeting will be December 12, 2013 at the annex building. No action was taken at this time.

#7 Other Business

1. *Nepotism Forms*: The commissioners signed the nepotism forms.
2. *Tourism Budget*: Gayle distributed the tourism budget.
3. *Redistricting*: The county council’s redistricting was discussed. Wil and council attorney, Cody Kendall, have had conversations about this subject and have decided that this needs to be done by the end of this year. The cost is \$10,000.00 for council and \$10,000.00 for commissioners. There was a discussion between Josh South, Wil, and the commissioners. Josh spoke about the problem of county council candidates filing for office for a particular district when the boundaries are uncertain at this point. Wil stated if this redistricting is done by the end of the year there will not be a problem and stated that there have been law suits against counties that fail to review their districts.
4. *2014 Holidays*: Steve made a motion to approve the 2014 holidays, seconded by John and all agreed.

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Other Business cont'd

5. *Vehicle Titles:* Mark signed the titles for the vehicles the sheriff used as trade-ins when new vehicles were purchased.
6. *SISWD Board Appointment:* Steve volunteered to remain on the board. Mark made a motion to reappoint Steve which was seconded by John.
7. *New Fund Ordinance (8115):* Steve made a motion to approve the 2012 Foundation Grant Fund for EMA (Fund #8115), seconded by John and all agreed.
8. *Lien Release:* Gayle had lien release forms for the Lifetime Housing Group Rehab Projects to be signed. One was due to the term completion and the other due to a refinance. Additionally there was a new lien for the refinance that required a signature.

With no further business to come before the board, Mark made the motion to adjourn, seconded by John and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Attest: _____

Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor
Switzerland County, Indiana