

**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 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 December 2<sup>nd</sup> were approved as presented on a motion by John, seconded by Steve and all agreed.

The claims were approved as presented on a motion by Steve, seconded by John and all agreed.

**#1 Randy See – EMS 2014 Contract**

The 2014 EMS contract that Randy brought is the same amount as 2013's contract of \$42,500.00. The commissioners will decide at the next commissioners' meeting to appoint a commissioner to the EMS board. Steve made the motion to approve the 2014 EMS contract in the amount of \$42,500.00, seconded by John and all agreed.

**#2 Glenn Taylor – Cattle – Animal Control**

Mr. Taylor did not appear.

**#3 Connie Wallace – EMA Director**

Connie spoke about trying to locate all of the 800 frequency radios that may need to be "rebanding". There are only 6 radios missing. She has spoken with George Adams for his assistance.

There should be 100 radios total and 6 are missing. Connie has sent letters to the department heads to try and locate the missing radios.

Steve suggested that she do an inventory of what she now has.

Connie also had a grant for the placement of a fence around the generator at the annex on Seminary Street. The commissioners signed the grant. (There were 2 earlier bids for this fence but no action was taken at that time.)

Connie also discussed with the commissioners the emergency sirens that are located in Vevay and Patriot. There are 3 in Vevay and 1 in Patriot. A discussion followed about the sirens being programmed to test at the same time or to be separate. She will advise the commissioners of the cost of reprogramming the sirens to test separately.

**REGULAR MEETING – PAGE 2****Connie Wallace – EMA Director cont'd**

Connie stated that she and Kevin Hayes, of communications, have investigated other companies that are less expensive than Code Red which handles our current weather warning notification system. A system called Nixel is her choice. The system is less expensive and has more advantages than Code Red. She will advise all of the details at a later meeting.

**#4 Highway Department**

Chris Clerkin, highway department superintendent, gave the commissioners a price quote on 2014 stone from the Hansen Company.

Mark complimented the highway department's work on the roads in reference to the last snowfalls.

Chris spoke about the broken sprinkler system lines at the highway garage. The system needs to be removed so that another leak does not happen. The local East Enterprise Fire Chief will need to be contacted for his permission to remove the old sprinkler system. The commissioners agreed to the removal by consensus.

**#5 Other Business**

1. *Stop Loss Coverage:* The new stop loss amount would be \$60,000.00; it is currently \$35,000.00. This increase is to keep the premiums lower. John made a motion to accept the new amount, seconded by Steve and all agreed.
2. *Vehicle Bids:* Will opened the following bids:  
William Level = Chevy S10 - \$302.00, the Dodge Durango - \$250.00  
Billy Pike = Chevy S10 - \$350.00  
Angel Lieland = Ford Crown Vic - \$700.00, Dodge Durango - \$500.00, Chevy S10 - \$300.00  
Mitch Barnes = Ford Crown Vic - \$101.00  
Steve made a motion to approve the higher bidders; Billy Pike for 350.00 for the S10 and Angel Lieland for \$700.00 for the Crown Vic and \$500.00 for the Durango. John seconded the motion and all agreed.
3. *Angie Priest – Tourism Letter:* Angie spoke to the commissioners for approximately 20 minutes in reference to the conflict with tourism's "Sleepy Hollow Days" on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of 2014 and the "Beer Bash". It was Angie's understanding that the "Sleepy Hollow Days" had been scheduled for the weekend of October 11<sup>th</sup> in 2014.  
Angie gave the commissioners a copy of a letter from tourism concerning this. Tourism is not "on board" for the Beer Bash event and wants the use of the streets and sidewalks surrounding the courthouse on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of 2014.  
A letter from Vevay Main Street was also presented to the commissioners that supported the Beer Bash. After a lot of discussion with Angie, Don Talbert, and Josh South, the commissioners stated they are not taking sides and the various boards need to meet on this topic. (This is not a commissioner decision unless the courthouse yard is used.) Letters attached.

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**Other Business cont'd**

- 4. *Health Dept. Fee Changes:* The Health Department board had approved raising the temporary food permits to \$25.00 and copies of “certified” birth and death records to \$12.00 and requested the commissioners’ approval. John made a motion to approve the increase in fees seconded by Mark and all agreed.
- 5. *Redistricting Contract:* The commissioners and Wil discussed the agreement for professional services from Platform LLC for redistricting for the Switzerland County Council. This would affect 4 at-large council members. The cost is \$12,000.00 and the time frame for this to be done was discussed. No action was taken at this time.
- 6. *Workman’s Comp Insurance:* (Not on the agenda) Elyssa Haskell of Hummel Insurance was in attendance and presented the commissioners the renewal for workman’s comp insurance for 2014. The prior cost was \$53,270.00 annually and the renewal cost will be \$57,194.00 annually. The county had one large workman’s comp claim in 2013. The county has a good record otherwise.
- 7. *Mark Helt – Markland Pike:* (Not on agenda) Mark came to request signs on Markland Pike prohibiting semi-trucks from using the road. The commissioners requested that Chris Clerkin place signs at each end of Markland Pike that would prohibit semi-trucks from using this road. John made a motion to place the signs, seconded by Mark and all agreed.
- 8. *SIRPC Board Appointment(s):* This was tabled until the next meeting.
- 9. *New Fund Ordinance (8116):* The New Fund Ordinance for Fund 8116 was approved on a motion by Steve, seconded by John and all agreed.

With no further business to come before the board, Steve made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mark and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

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 Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor  
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