

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 sheriff, Roy Leap, Attorney Josh Stigdon on behalf of Wil Goering, the auditor, Gayle Rayles, and the commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams. County attorney Wil Goering was absent.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting of January 21st were approved on a motion by John, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

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

#1 Steve Letherman – WTH Technologies Ordinance

Mr. Letherman explained to the commissioners that there is an outside company (Corelogic) who would like to receive GIS data for Switzerland County. This is a common practice with other counties and WTH is set up to provide companies with the data requested which does not include proprietary layers. There is a fee of \$750.00 charged to the company requesting the data. WTH retains \$500.00 to cover their cost and the county would receive \$250.00. The commissioners are going to contact Ohio County, who uses this service, and will make their decision at the next meeting on February 18th.

#2 Pete Corrao – Neace Lukens – Insurance

Mr. Corrao distributed a brochure describing his company's expertise and spoke about the following topics: property and casualty insurance, employee benefits, core solutions, (a consulting service) and personal insurance. There is a list of Indiana government entities that are served by Neace Lukens. No action was taken.

#3 Keli Gabbard – Shelter Vehicle Pricing

Keli had two prices from McCubbin Motors: a 2014 Ford Transit for \$21,966.90 and a 2014 Ford F150 4 x 4 for \$21,761.00.

Steve stated that the sheriff's department had a van that is available. The highway department will remove the seats. This van will be used instead of buying a new vehicle. Steve also requested that Keli ask John Day, the highway department mechanic, to check out the problems with the shelter's Ford Ranger (possibly the transmission).

Steve also said that the commissioners do not want any transfer of animals be made out of state, without the commissioners' approval, except to the veterinarian in Kentucky. Also a list of volunteer drivers is needed. The commissioners agreed to the disposal of animal cages not being used.

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#4 Kevin Hayes – Repeater

The primary fire repeater in East Enterprise needs to be repaired. The cost is approximately \$1,000.00 - \$600.00 for repairs and \$400.00 for new backup batteries.

A discussion followed in reference to the cost of a new pre-programmed repeater and the repeater for the southwestern part of the county.

John made a motion to repair the East Enterprise repeater at a cost of approximately \$1,000.00, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

Steve asked Kevin to research more information and the cost of a new repeater and report back to a future meeting.

#5 Caulette Talbert – Farmers Artisans Market at Markland

Ms. Talbert requested that the commissioners sign the agreement for the use of the Markland Center. Their market is scheduled to open on March 15th. She also needs a key to the building. Mark made a motion to sign the agreement, seconded by John and all agreed.

#6 Highway Department

Chris Clerkin, highway department superintendent, informed the commissioners that he is planning on going to "road school" in March. None of the commissioners are planning to attend at this time.

He also spoke about the amount of cinders that have been hauled.

The commissioners agreed by consensus to have Main Land Diesel work on the truck that has been out of service (F250).

Michael Armstrong, a representative from Janssen and Spaans had a bridge inspection contract for the commissioners to approve. This is a 4-year 2-phase contract and starts in May 2014 and runs through the end of 2017. There is a price increase due to the new state inspection requirements. There are 6 to 7 bridges that require annual inspection due to low ratings. John made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

John complimented the highway department for their job performance and the need for the private property non-use ordinance.

#7 Connie Wallace – EMA

Connie stated that the EMA has a bonus grant of \$5,100.00 (for high EMA scores) to purchase 2 cameras and an outside antenna for the annex. Ripley County may donate an antenna that could be used instead of buying one.

There is a meeting on February 12th at the Markland Center with Red Cross personnel.

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Training for a new warning system with Nixtel was discussed.

Connie asked for permission to drive the EMA truck to Brownsburg Indiana for training. The commissioners agreed to this by consensus.

Weather spotters and shelters for residents were discussed.

#8 Other Business

Grants Creek Mitigation Property: Mark informed the commissioners that the Vevay Switzerland County Foundation would like to give the mitigation property to the county. Patricia Conner had told Mark that if the transfer takes place IDEM and the Army Corp of Engineers must be notified 60 days prior to the change. Brian McAllister, county surveyor, will need to survey the property. After some discussion, John made a motion to accept the property and to start the process, seconded by Mark and all agreed. The Foundation will need to notify IDEM and the Army Corp of Engineers.

Tyler Technologies – Cyclical Reassessment Contract: County assessor, Joan Armstrong, is interested in using Tyler Technologies for property assessment/evaluations. Gayle explained that the company would be responsible for updating the property records, including measurements and photos. Their service would replace the in-house assessor deputy who is no longer employed by the county. The cost will be paid for out of the Reassessment Fund. After some discussion the commissioners requested that Joan and Jim Davis of Tyler attend the next commissioners' meeting.

FPBH or On Call Engineering – Service Contract: This was discussed and tabled until the next meeting. Gayle is to email the contract to the commissioners and Wil.

Flooring Gallery Estimate: Mitch Barnes, the courthouse maintenance man, has installed weather guards on the door in the courthouse breezeway. The commissioners said to wait and see if the weather guards stop the water problem before any new tiles are installed.

SIRPC Appointments: After some discussion, Mark made a motion to reappoint Pete Furnish and Sarah Brichto to the Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, seconded by John and all agreed.

Florence Sewer Board Appointment: This is tabled until the first April meeting. The next board appointment will be in May.

Tourism Appointments: The applicants were discussed. John stated he did not like the requirement that the politics of the applicants are needed. Steve made a motion to reappoint Kathy Williams, Don Talbert, and Tony Gregory, seconded by Mark, John voted "nay" and the motion carried.

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Other Business cont'd

Innovative Energy Solutions Contract for Annex: This is a preventative maintenance agreement. We have the same agreements for the courthouse and the jail. The cost is \$3,200.00. John made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

Motor Vehicle Resolution: This was tabled. Wil needs to add language regarding employees signing a waiver if transporting family members.

Flood Hazard Areas Ordinance: The commissioners have not reviewed the maps. (Mark Archer of Planning and Zoning has the maps.) Matt Hocker was present and he stated he would contact Wil. This was tabled until the next meeting.

Conflict of Interest Forms: The commissioners signed the form for Patty Chase and Larry Stewart for the Florence Regional Sewer District board.

LifeTime Resources Contract: This is a contract that the county will provide and meets certain requirements at the senior citizens building for LifeTime Resources. Mark made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by John and all agreed.

ESPY: After discussing with Gayle the phone billing problems, John made a motion to have ESPY audit the CenturyLink phone bills, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

John Haskell: John thanked the various departments for a "job well done" during the past weather problems.

Rosemary Bovard: Rosemary spoke again to the commissioners about the house next door to her owned by MainSource and the open pit and the house in Bennington. Mark Archer is aware of the complaints.

With no further business to come before the board, John made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mark and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Attest: _____
Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor
Switzerland County, Indiana