

**REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY 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, the county attorney, Wil Goering, 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 February 3<sup>rd</sup> were approved as presented 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 Aaron Bell – SISWD – Annual Report**

Mr. Bell distributed information to the commissioners and spoke briefly about the following topics:

- A. Educating children about recycling.
- B. Tracking what schools are recycling – up 20% from previously.
- C. Containers for recyclables are being used in Moorefield and Patriot.
- D. Ohio County has their own facility.
- E. A \$1,000.00 illegal dumping grant is available.

**#2 Matt Hocker – Upper Goose Creek Road Relocation**

This is a public hearing in reference to the dedication of a new road (North Drive) with documents and plat maps showing the road that is to be vacated, which is part of Upper Goose Creek Road. Both roads are in the Ohio Valley Land Development.

Hilltop Basic Resources officials were present, property owners Sondra Dawson, William Coffman, and Wayne Dawson.

The property owners asked about traffic, noise, and property values. They were told this road change should not cause any problems.

After more discussion, John made a motion to vacate the existing right-of-way, seconded by Mark and all agreed. Mark made a motion to accept the new right-of-way, seconded by John and all agreed.

**#3 Joan Armstrong & Jim Davis – Tyler Technologies Contract**

Joan recommended Tyler Technologies to do the trending, ratio study, and property assessment, excluding new construction. The contract is for the 2014-18 cyclical reassessments at a cost of \$215,000.00 and would be paid out of the Reassessment Fund.

**REGULAR MEETING – PAGE 2****Joan Armstrong & Jim Davis – Tyler Technologies Contract cont'd**

Troy Fryman, with Tyler Technologies, spoke about his company's contracts with other Indiana counties and the company's experience and expertise concerning trending and land evaluations.

The statement was made that each property in the county would have to be visited and physically inspected. The commissioners suggested having something to let the homeowners know why they were there.

John made a motion to accept the contract with Tyler Technologies, total amount \$215,000.00, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

**#4 Herschal Lewallen – F.A.S.T. Contract**

Mr. Lewallen requested that the renewal for the fire alarm systems service contract be approved. This contract covers fire alarm inspection, monitoring, sprinkler inspection, etc. for the 7 county-owned buildings for \$7,250.00. This is the same rate as 2013.

John made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

**#5 Danny Stephon – Ed Furnish Road**

Mr. Stephon requested that the county keep a culvert open and to consider keeping the crossing also open and to place some gravel where needed. After some discussion the commissioners decided to view the road and to decide what to do, if anything. (Some maps show the road as being a county road.)

**#6 Brenda Lovell – CMI Property & Casualty**

Ms. Lovell asked the commissioners for the opportunity to bid for liability, property, auto, and workmen's compensation for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

John opted out of the discussion due to the fact that his daughter-in-law is the current insurance agent for the county's liability insurance coverage.

The commissioners would like to stay with local coverage but decided that Ms. Lovell could submit a bid that did not involve changing our "agent of record". Nothing further.

**#7 Connie Wallace – EMA**

Connie had the following items for discussion:

1. Anya Bacon, an EMA volunteer, requested liability coverage for the "Thunder over Louisville" event held at Kentucky Derby time. The commissioners denied the request.
2. Nixel and the phone number list from CenturyLink. Nixel will replace Code Red as the emergency warning system provider. The Nixel system is working in association with the sheriff's office.

**REGULAR MEETING – PAGE 3****Connie Wallace – EMA cont'd**

3. The weather spotter class that was held at the annex had 22 people in attendance. Rosemary Bovard stated the class was "very well done".
4. The commissioners gave their approval, by consensus, to have Connie do some type of memorial in memory of George Adams, the former EMA director.

**#8 Highway Department**

Chris Clerkin, highway dept. superintendent, advised the commissioners that truck 16 is in the shop for repairs.

Each highway department employee has accumulated approximately 200 hours of comp time, which is equal to about 5 weeks of leave time. The commissioners stated that they appreciated their job performance.

**#9 Other Business**

- A. *Health Board Appointment:* This appointment is to replace Dr. Willage. Dr. Findley presented the following names for the commissioners' consideration: Amy Hughes, Keith Alhands, and Mike Jones. After some discussion John made a motion to appoint Amy Hughes. The motion died for lack of a second. Mark made a motion to appoint Mike Jones which was seconded by Steve, John voted "no". The motion passed.
- B. *Motor Vehicle Resolution/Waiver:* This had been discussed at previous meetings. John made a motion to approve the waiver and resolution, seconded by Mark and all agreed.  
Steve had a question about the minimum age for volunteers at the animal shelter. Gayle is to check with the insurance carrier. (Three children were on the volunteer list.)
- C. *WTH Contract/Ordinance for Information Sharing:* Teresa Lyons and Wil each made comments about the advantages of having GIS available to the public. Gayle reminded the commissioners that the request is for WTH to provide county property information for companies requesting it for a fee of \$750.00, \$250.00 of which would come back to the county. Mark made a motion to accept the contract/ordinance, seconded by John and all agreed.
- D. *Janssen & Spaans/EPBH-On-Call Engineering Agreement:* The commissioners had received copies of these agreements at a previous meeting. Wil reviewed them but the 2 agreements were not comparable due to language detail. These agreements are locking in the cost of services for 2014. There is no cost unless services are used and either company can be used depending on the area of focus needed. After some discussion, John made a motion to accept both agreements, seconded by Mark and all agreed. The fee scheduled was discussed.
- E. *Innovative Energy Solutions-Maintenance Contract:* This is a preventive maintenance agreement for the medical building. We have the same type of contract for the courthouse, jail, and the annex. The cost is \$3,073.00. John made a motion to accept the contract, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

**REGULAR MEETING – PAGE 4****Other Business cont'd**

- F. Keystone Software Agreement for the Moorefield/Bennington Sewer District:* This software is state approved and is used for billing. The cost is \$1,005.00. Mark made a motion to accept the agreement, seconded by John and all agreed.
- G. Mold Inspection Results:* The commissioners examined the reports from Indiana Restoration and Cleaning Services regarding the mold in the courthouse. The mold inspection was completed on January 7, 2014. This inspection report also included an estimate for removing mold/repairing the courtroom ceiling. After some discussion the commissioners requested someone from Indiana Restoration be at the next meeting (March 3<sup>rd</sup>) for more information about mold and the cleanup process. Bruce is to contact them.
- H. Veteran Service Officer-Office Space:* Gayle proposed making an office in the courthouse in order to better aid the veterans. This would eliminate a veteran needing to go to the office at the Markland Center and then back to the courthouse. There is a new requirement for a veteran applying for a disability deduction which will involve the veteran service officer's assistance. After some discussion the commissioners would like for Richard Adams, the veteran service officer, to come to the next meeting to see what he needs for office space.
- I. Rumpke Contract-Annex Dumpster:* The cost is \$42.44 per month for the dumpster at the annex. John made a motion to accept the contract, seconded by Mark and all agreed.
- J. Extra \$25.00 for Wellness Non-compliance:* There was a discussion about the number of employees who did not get their 2013 wellness testing. In the past, there has been a \$25.00 per person, per pay period, additional charge in premium for employees/spouses who do not comply. After much discussion, Steve suggested the testing period be extended to June 30, 2014. Gayle is to send reminder letters to insured employees.
- K. SCAT Grants:* After some discussion, John made a motion to accept the SCAT grant list, seconded by Mark and all agreed.
- L. Joint Meeting Dates:* The commissioners signed the listing of joint meeting dates. These meetings are to be immediately following the last commissioners meeting of the quarter—the first one is March 17th.
- M. East Enterprise Regional Sewer District Board Appointment:* The commissioners received a letter from the EERSD recommending Larry Stewart for their board to replace Linda Elam. No action was taken at this time.
- N. FEMA Maps:* Steve stated he would represent the commissioners at the joint meeting with the Town of Patriot and the Town of Vevay boards to examine and discuss the new FEMA maps.
- O. Doug Figgins-County Property:* Mr. Figgins inquired about the county selling 25 acres of the county's property on SR 129. The commissioners are not interested in selling the property.

**REGULAR MEETING – PAGE 5**

With no further business to come before the board, John made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mark and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

---

---

---

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor  
Switzerland County, Indiana