

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

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

The minutes of the previous meeting of May 5th were approved as presented on a motion by Mark and seconded by Steve.

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#1 Greg Overmyer – Indiana Dept. of Child Services – Dedicated Line

Mr. Overmyer stated that there is a need for a BPN connection at the courthouse. This would be used for encryption of child support data; our current lines are unable to do this.

Time Warner will install the line on the east side of the courthouse. The state will pay for the cost of installation and the monthly bill. Mr. Overmyer has been in contact with Marty Hankins, the county IT person, for his assistance.

Mark made a motion for the commissioners to sign the "Right-of-Entry" agreement for the new line which was seconded by Steve.

#2 Carla Burkhardt – LifeTime Housing – Property Lien Release

Ms. Burkhardt spoke briefly about LifeTime Housing's services and grants that they manage for the commissioners.

She requested that the commissioners sign a document that would release the recorded lien on a property that the owner is going to refinance. The current document does not allow for the refinancing. She also asked for signatures on new lien documents that allow the owners to be able to refinance.

Mark made the motion to sign the documents which was seconded by Steve.

#3 Keli Gabbard – Animal Shelter – Quarterly Report

Keli gave the commissioners a quarterly report of the activities at the animal shelter. (Copy attached.)

She also spoke about the scheduled rabies clinic on May 31st for county residents and about the 5K fund raiser scheduled for June 7, 2014.

She stated she was selected to attend an animal care expo in Florida; the expenses are to be paid by the grant.

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#4 Connie Wallace – EMA

Connie spoke about the 800 MHZ radio system. The system is at capacity for “IDS” (statewide). The county has one hundred and two 800 MHZ radios that will need to be upgraded or replaced. The cost for upgrading is \$440.00 each and new radios cost approximately \$1,400.00 each. The current county radios will need replaced in 2017.

Other radio topics discussed:

1. Connie has obtained a \$25,000.00 grant to help pay for the upgrades or new radio purchases – the funds will be available in December or January.
2. 6 radios cannot be located.
3. The county has 2 radio systems VHF and 800 MHZ. The VHS is similar to walkie talkies. The 800 MHZ radios are preferred.
4. There was discussion about the cost of EF Johnson and Motorola radios.
5. District 9, which the county is a part of, is to begin the radio conversions in September 2014.
6. Because the re-banding of the radios in the past was done by the EMS they are to receive \$10,005.00 from Nextel.
7. There was discussion about using this money from Nextel for future upgrades or new radios.
8. Code Red is no longer being used. The new system is NIXLE.
9. Rosemary Bovard and Connie Wallace will have an article put in the newspaper explaining the new system and NIXLE contact information.
10. Gayle asked if the list in NIXLE for notifying the employees of the courthouse closing was complete. – not yet.
11. NIXLE is warnings only – no watch notifications.

#5 Highway Department

Chris requested that the commissioners sign a change order on the sign grant award for posts in the amount of \$5,568.75. Steve signed the request.

Other topics discussed:

1. Chip and seal may start in June. The commissioners asked for a mileage list.
2. Truck #16 repairs were discussed.
3. Steve requested that Chris look at the state bid prices for trucks especially Dodge trucks. Chris said Ford has big government discounts. The specifications are a 4 wheel drive, regular cab.
4. Mark asked about the litigation project. Chris said that the signs are posted and are all accounted for. Soil and Water will also be involved with this project. The highway department will help when needed.
5. The slip on Bear Creek is still holding.

#6 Other Business

YMCA donation letter: Gayle gave the commissioners a copy of the letter from the YMCA asking for a donation. The commissioners have no discretionary funds so no action was taken.

Old outhouse roof – painting: The roof, all the wood trim, and the doors need to be repainted. Bruce is to contact Lonnie Harris for an estimate.

Clerk election survey: Gayle gave the commissioners a memo from the clerk, Kim Hambrick, regarding precinct boundaries. This was tabled.

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Other Business cont'd

IDEM letter for Markland Center: Gayle gave the commissioners a letter from IDEM stating the department is closing their file on the Markland Center.

House purchase: Wil spoke about the house and lot that the county purchased located at 212 West Pike Street which is west of the jail. He suggested obtaining 3 bids for the demolition of the house and the removal of the debris and to contact the historical society to see if they want to remove any items, such as windows, doors, etc, prior to the demolition. Bruce is to contact them.

Commissioner John Haskell: Steve and Mark expressed their appreciation for John's time and dedication as a Switzerland County Commissioner and that he did a fine job while in office.

Josh South: Steve and Mark welcomed Josh South as the new board member effective June 1, 2014.

National Service Emergency Week: Steve read a letter from the Department of Homeland Security recognizing all national EMS workers; the week of May 18th through May 24th. Steve also stated this year is the 40th anniversary of the formation of the EMS Commission.

Excess Equipment: Mark advised that the health department has a lot of excess equipment that needs to be sold or donated.

Wil informed the commissioners that the county can sell these items by sealed bid, public auction, or donate them to a non-profit organization. Bruce is to follow up on this and Gayle will email a notice to all departments to see what items are no longer needed.

Executive Session: Josh South requested an executive session to be held at 4:30 p.m. on June 2nd before the regular meeting. The commissioners agreed.

With no further business to come before the board, Mark made the motion to adjourn which was seconded by Steve. The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

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