

**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, Steve Lyons, and Josh South, the chief deputy, Richard Lock, the county attorney, Wil Goering, and the auditor, Gayle Rayles. Commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams, was absent.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting of June 2<sup>nd</sup> were approved as presented on a motion by Mark, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

The claims were approved as presented, after some discussion, on a motion by Mark, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

***#1 Joseph McDonough – American Legal – Ordinances***

Mr. McDonough came to explain ordinance codification, which what his company does. Here in Indiana they perform this service for approximately 200 counties, cities, and towns even though they are based in Cincinnati, Ohio.

They take all of the ordinances that have been adopted over the years and see which ones are still current, which ones have been repealed by later ordinances, which ones have not been looked at in years and then ultimately publish them in a book. The book would then be organized into titles, chapters, and sections. They would review everything against state code to make sure they are compliant. They would not change anything without the county's permission – they would work with Wil.

They would give printed books and have the information also available on CD to access by computer in the courthouse; his company also maintains an online library with a link to our county website.

They also provide an update service yearly.

The total cost would be \$11,975.00 which includes the Planning and Zoning ordinances. He provided the commissioners with a breakdown sheet of the cost. He estimated that the yearly update cost would be \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00 per year. The annual cost for hosting the CD version is \$495.00, but there would no be any charge for the first year.

The commissioners took this under advisement to discuss with the council at the joint meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup>. The commissioners all agreed that this is a good idea.

It takes American Legal about 4 to 6 months to get the draft for the commissioners where any necessary corrections can be written directly on the draft copy. At the end of the process they will write an ordinance to adopt the new book(s). The cost can be split over 2 fiscal years.

***#2 Highway Department***

They installed a large culvert on Bear Branch Road today.

Josh asked about a detailed list of the chip and seal roads. John Day, interim supervisor, said that the road bosses have it narrowed down to what they would like to do. John asked Josh if he knew what township he would like to do most or perhaps equally, between Craig and Jefferson.

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John said that they are needing to dig up the concrete in front of the salt building since it is all busted up. They would put back a 50' by 70' pad 6 inches deep; the approximate cost would be \$8,000.00 to \$8,100.00. The highway guys would be doing the work. The commissioners agreed by consensus to go ahead and get it done.

He said he would probably be starting the chip and seal at the end of 4H Fair week.

Someone in the audience asked about when the Adkinson Hill slip and Popcorn Ridge Road would be repaired. Steve said they were going to talk to council, at the joint meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup>, about securing some additional funds to fix these problems. The commissioners were hoping there would be FEMA money available to fix these problems but there is not going to be.

***#3 Other Business***

***Tourism Letter:*** The commissioners received a letter from tourism concerning upcoming events and they are going to close off 128 West Main down to and including the courthouse block. They are requesting permission to have arts and crafts vendors on the sidewalk leading up to the courthouse during the Sleepy Hollow event. They are also considering having musicians on the courthouse steps and inside the gazebo if the commissioners allow. They also listed other events such as the Community Yard Sale on September 13<sup>th</sup>, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration on Liberty Street, the Champions Edition of the Team Bass Battle on Saturday and Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, and then Sleepy Hollow on October 11<sup>th</sup>. In the future tourism will discuss whether to continue the Christmas parade and the Paul Ogle Festival of Lights. The letter was from Kendall Miller of tourism.

There was some discussion concerning the use of the courthouse lawn and damage to the landscaping. Gayle asked about tourism being responsible for any damages that might occur. No action taken at this time.

***Courthouse Outside Maintenance:*** Mark said that he had looked at the downspout on the courthouse where the water is not even going down the downspout due to it being broken away from the gutter. There needs to be tuck pointing done. Travis Miller has agreed to put scaffolding to fix the downspout.

There is a need for the downspouts to be cleaned out and then the installation of gutter guards.

Josh suggested that Bruce contact Indiana Landmarks to see if there would be some financial assistance available.

They are gong to discuss these issues with council at the upcoming joint meeting.

***MBSD Mapping:*** Lonnie Harris came into the auditor's office and mentioned that the Moorefield/Bennington Sewer District should probably be remapped due to changes being made. He said he could do the mapping and then have Carolyn Miller, in the auditor's office, add it to the GIS mapping system. The cost would be approximately \$800.0 to \$1,200.00. No action was taken at this time.

***Chris Clerkin's and Highway Employees Pay:*** This will be discussed at an executive session.

***State Highway Voucher:*** John Day signed the voucher.

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***Other Business cont'd:***

*SIRPC Housing Grant:* Steve has had at least one call from an interested party concerning the SIRPC housing grant wanting to know if the county was going to participate in the program. Steve explained to him how it worked and that it had been proposed to the council and no action has been taken at this point. Steve wanted to know if the other commissioners wanted to bring it up again at the joint meeting – yes.

*EMA:* Connie Wallace, EMA director, submitted her resignation effective June 20<sup>th</sup>. Steve asked if the EMA board has had an opportunity to meet and Mark said they had not. The board needs to make their recommendation to the commissioners as to a replacement for this position. Connie will help train the new person.

*MBSD Mowing:* Mark wanted John Day to have Earl Bowling mow the Bennington sewer district like he has done in the past.

*Other Issues:* Mark said there were some properties in his district that have been cleaned up.

Mark said he has had a road complaint, close to where they changed out the culvert today, concerning putting gravel on the road. He did not see the need for any gravel since it is a dead end road. He said the property owners have chained off the road and now the county workers cannot get to the turn-around that was put in by the county highway. Steve said if the turn-around is on county property then the chain needs to be moved back behind it.

*Lights at the Clinic:* Saundra Adams, of the Nurse Managed Clinic, said there are lights out at the clinic – Mitch Barnes is to fix these.

*Health Insurance:* There was some discussion concerning changes that had been made in the employee health insurance due to the Affordable Care Act.

*Posey Lane:* Someone from the audience was asking for someone to figure out where Posey Lane ends. Bruce is to look into this. The speed limit was also discussed.

With no further business to come before the board, Josh made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mark and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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