

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 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 July 21st were approved as presented on a motion by Mark, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

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#1 Courthouse Roof Repair Bids

The only bid submitted was from ERJO Construction for \$9,025.00. Josh made a motion to accept the bid, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

#2 Sarah Brichto - Child Advocacy

Sarah thanked the commissioners for their support of the Child Advocacy program. There were 119 cases in Switzerland County for the years 2009 through 2014. Sarah also distributed information on the next fund raising event at the new Lawrenceburg Convention Center on February 7, 2015.

#3 Judge Coy - Courtroom Upgrade

Judge Coy requested the commissioners' approval to install a new judge's bench in the courtroom. The bench is designed by Stanton Millworks of Cincinnati, Ohio. The cost is \$19,859.00; this is not taxpayer money. The judge has \$30,624.00 in the Misdemeanant Fund. There would be an extra cost of removing the old bench and installing new electrical connections. He believes these extra charges can also be paid out of the Misdemeanant Fund.

#4 Highway Department

Brad Bender, of FPBH, gave the commissioners a list of the road repairs, estimated costs, and information about funding that INDOT denied. Requests have been sent to the USDA for funding with approval pending.

Mr. Bender gave an update on the work on Markland Pike. He stated that the contractors had done a good and quick job repairing the road. The section repaired by Parham Excavating is complete.

A change order request from Angel's Excavating LLC, at a cost of \$13,116.00 for an increase in materials and the need for more large rocks at the bottom of the bank along Markland Pike has been made. Josh made a motion to approve the change order, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

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Highway Department cont'd

Other Items Discussed:

1. Repaving the repaired portion of Markland Pike. The estimate is roughly \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00.
2. DNR, IDEM, and Army Corp of Engineers permits for Bridge #5.
3. Bennington Pike Bridge - needs DNR permit.
4. Bridge #66 quotes for next meeting.
5. Tractor bids to be advertised.
6. Bear Creek repairs; county highway to do the work.
7. Culvert at the end of Wallick Road.
8. Aaron Bell's property - drainage problem. John Day, interim highway supervisor, is to review this problem. Nothing further.

Other Business

- A. Tourism - Courthouse yard for Christmas display: Larry Tolbert discussed the layout and displays for the Christmas decorations planned for the courthouse yard. Josh requested that all items be removed when the display season is over and a liability policy be provided by tourism. The commissioners agreed by consensus to allow the Christmas display.
- B. Tourism health insurance: A request to be able to join the county's health insurance program was discussed. It was denied due to the cost to tourism being unpredictable and possibly excessive.
- C. YMCA contract: This was tabled until the next council meeting.
- D. Tech building a/c repairs: Innovative Energy is to provide a cost of repairs and an estimate on the replacement of an a/c coil.
- E. Salvation Army office: The commissioners gave their consensus to move the Salvation Army office from the Markland Center to the tech building.
- F. Executive Session: An executive meeting is scheduled for August 11th at 4:30 p.m. to go over interim highway supervisor applications.
- G. County tax rate sheet: Gayle asked Steve and Wil to sign the county tax rate sheet for 2014 pay 2015.
- H. CenturyLink equipment: Josh spoke about the equipment from CenturyLink for EDC that we are being charged for but not using and the need for the signed copies of the agreement with CenturyLink. Wil will write a letter to CenturyLink requesting copies of our order to purchase the equipment.

With no further business to come before the board, Mark made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Josh and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

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