

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 county attorney, Wil Goering, the sheriff, Roy Leap, 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 September 2nd were approved as presented on a motion by Mark, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

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#1 Brad Bender of FPBH - Adkinson Hill Road Repair Bids

The bids were opened at 3:00 p.m. by the auditor in the highway/commissioners' assistant office. The bids were as follows:

McAllister Excavating	\$197,721.50
Parham Excavating	\$254,210.00
Fred McAlister	\$158,675.00
Dave O'Mara	\$308,924.00
Angel Lieland	\$271,546.00
Paul Rohe Company	\$283,675.00

The FPBH engineer's estimate was \$220,262. Fred McAlister's bid was the lowest. After some discussion Mr. Bender suggested tabling the bid approval until the next meeting so that all of the permits would be in order. Mark made the motion to table the bid decision, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

The following items were also discussed:

1. USDA funding of \$117,000.00. There is approximately 75% of the funding available for Bridge #66 and the Popcorn Ridge Road bank problem.
2. Mark spoke about permits to work in the creeks to avoid future problems.
3. Past charges for engineering services were discussed.
4. Josh made a motion to hire FPBH to do the engineering work on Bridge #66 and Popcorn Ridge Road repairs. Mark discussed engineering fees and seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in agreement.
5. A request from Fred McAlister to extend the time limit on the guard rail replacement (items are on order) was approved on a motion by Josh, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

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#2 Tractor Bids

Wil opened the following 3 bids:

Brown's Farm Equipment	\$ 95,965.00
Zimmer Tractor Sales	\$110,724.00
Southeastern Equipment	\$121,600.00

Steve suggested tabling the bid selection so that all of the specifications can be reviewed. The commissioners agreed by consensus and John Day, interim highway superintendent, will review them.

#3 Larry Tolbert - Tourism

Larry advised the commissioners that tourism has decided to use the Ogle Park for the Christmas displays and not the courthouse lawn.

#4 Elyssa Haskell - Medical Mal-Practice Insurance

Elyssa explained that the current coverage is for the individuals and does not cover the county. The county is paying separate premiums. She is recommending a single policy to cover all nurses, the nurse practitioner, and the county for a premium amount of \$4,834.00.

#5 Highway Department

John Day had received information about the sign grant. After some discussion, Gayle stated she would contact INDOT and see what needs to be done.

#6 Other Business

1. Judge Coy's memo: Steve read aloud a memo from Judge Coy which described a change in working hours for 2 of his employees.
2. East Enterprise Sewer Board appointment: The commissioners requested the position be advertised. Bruce is to handle this.
3. MOU for the sheriff's vehicle to Town of Vevay: This transaction was approved at the last meeting. The commissioners decided that they would sign the title and MOU for the Town of Vevay when all details between the Town and the school, in reference to the resource officer, are complete.
4. INDOT Letter of understanding in reference to an unofficial road detour: During bridge replacement on 56 the unofficial detour will be North Branch Road to Antioch Road to SR250 to North Landing. The official detour for SR156 will be SR56, SR250, and SR156. Mark made the motion to sign the letter of understanding, seconded by Josh and all agreed.
5. Innovative Energy Solutions contract: This item was tabled as the commissioners would like a representative from the company to be at the next meeting to detail the actual preventive maintenance work that is performed. (We have contracts for the courthouse, jail, tech building, and the health departments.)
6. A/C repair at the Tech Building: The commissioners agreed by consensus to accept the \$2,000.00 repair cost from J. Ballenger for repair of the a/c at the Tech building.

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Other Business cont'd

- 7. New push mowers for the courthouse/JSSCSCC: There was a quote obtained by Mitch Barnes for 2 push mowers at a cost of \$269.00 each. After some discussion, Josh requested a price check on the government bid site. No action was taken.
- 8. Food Pantry coolers: Plans are to store the 2 units (1 cooler and 1 freezer) at the highway garage. The commissioners requested John Day contact Pam Acton to see what the measurements would be for the 2 items.
- 9. Veteran Service Officer on the county website: The commissioners approved this request by consensus.

#7 Other Items Discussed Not On the Agenda

- A. Cost of the 800 frequency radios
- B. Joint commissioners/council meeting on October 17th at 5:00 p.m.
- C. Rosemary Bovard had a question as to who purchased the coolers for the Food Pantry - the Vevay Switzerland County Foundation.

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 6:40 p.m.

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