

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS and SWITZERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

**JOINT MEETING**

**Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.**

The Switzerland County Board of Commissioners and the Switzerland County Council met in joint session pursuant to law and by being duly advertised.

Those present: commissioners: Mark Lohide, Steve Lyons, and Josh South, council: Tom Conroy, Steve Crabtree, Jeff Darling, Terry Hall, Mike Jones, Rachel Schuler, and Glenn Scott, the sheriff, Roy Leap, the council attorney, Codey Kendall, the auditor, Gayle Rayles, and the commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams. The county attorney, Wil Goering, was absent due to traffic problems.

**#1 Animal Shelter Spay/Neuter Fund**

After some discussion, Keli Gabbard and Gayle decided that the fund was labeled wrong. At a previous meeting there was a discussion regarding the two spay/neuter funds. Gayle brought information regarding the history of how the animal shelter's spay/neuter fund has been used. The money is from donations/fees at the shelter. It was used for vet services for animals being sent to other areas for adoption. It is currently being used for non-budget items, such as cages, and has been used to supplement the animal shelter budget which is in the General Fund.

**#2 New/Repaired Radios for the P25 System**

Connie Wallace, of EMA, spoke about various costs and repairs for the 800 frequency radios. She gave the council and commissioners a worksheet explaining how many new or re-coded radios would be needed. She is expecting to receive a grant for \$25,000.00 and had \$10,000.00 from re-coding the radios from last year. She and Roy have a proposal that would cover all of the expenses without using county funds.

There was a long discussion about which brand to buy and to re-code or buy new radios. Each county department should buy their own radios.

Steve Crabtree made a motion to table this topic until Connie has received the grant money, seconded by Jeff and all agreed.

Connie advised that the EMA has received \$8,400.29 from the state for a performance award based on a point system.

**#3 New Computers**

Gayle informed the council, for future reference, that the courthouse has 21 computers which are 5 years old and will need to be replaced someday. The current cost is approximately \$900.00 each. She wanted to be sure the council takes the pending expense into consideration when listing county commitments. No action was taken.

**#4 Mal-Practice Insurance**

Elyssa Haskell, of Hummel Insurance, had attended the last commissioners' meeting regarding the county's mal-practice insurance. At the present time we are insuring each individual separately and the county has no coverage. Elyssa is proposing a single policy that will cover all employees who require insurance and the county. The cost is \$4,834.00 annually. Our current cost is approximately \$3,000.00 per year. Tom made a motion to change the coverage, seconded by Terry and all agreed.

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**#5 2014-2015 YMCA Contract**

Steve Lyons stated that the contract had been \$20,000.00 and the commissioners had re-negotiated the cost to \$10,000.00 for the last contract. The YMCA is currently asking for \$15,000.00.

After some discussion the council requested that Eric Cole, of the YMCA, provide a list of county employees who use the facility.

**#6 HPG Grant Funds**

Mike read aloud the letter from Katy Kelly, of SIRPC, explaining the funding. Kathy had spoken about this grant a couple of months ago.

The grant goes as follows:

- A. \$11,199.00 award from USDA-RD.
- B. Maximum grant amount is \$350,000.00 and the match requirement is \$35,000.00 (10%).
- C. Subtracting the \$11,199.00 grant from \$35,000.00 makes the county’s commitment \$23,801.00.

After some discussion, Jeff made a motion to approved the \$23,801.00 contribution for the grants, seconded by Rachel and all agreed. For the commissioners, Josh made a motion to approve the \$23,801.00 contribution, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

With no further business to come before the session, Steve Crabtree made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Tom and all agreed. The joint meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Council:

Commissioners:

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Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor  
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