

**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 regular meeting of October 6<sup>th</sup> were approved as presented on a motion by Josh, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

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**#1 Rod Lanum - Patriot Park**

Mr. Lanum spoke for approximately 18 minutes in reference to campers and boats that are parked on the Patriot Park parking lot. The following questions came up:

1. Who is responsible and who has the authority over the Patriot Park?
2. What are the regulations for the park?
3. What happens when the rules are violated?
4. Future maintenance?
5. Is any money being collected?
6. What board is responsible?

After some discussion the commissioners stated that the Park Board is the appropriate board and would be made aware of his questions and concerns about the park.

**#2 Keli Gabbard - Animal Shelter Quarterly Report**

Keli distributed the quarterly report to the commissioners. The report listed, by township, the activity of the animal shelter.

She also stated that Roger Cooley, their part-time help, had retired his position. She has placed an ad in the local newspaper requesting applicants for this position.

There was a discussion on the 2015 spay/neuter funding.

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**#3 Highway Department**

Darrell Keith, interim highway superintendent, stated he has been checking on salt bids. He will not know the price until November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Following are some topics about roads that were discussed:

1. Steve spoke about the detour (unofficial) for SR156.
2. Semi-truck traffic on the unofficial detour road.
3. Dale Autenrieb stated that a semi had jack-knifed on Searcy Ridge Road, but he did not state when.
4. The commissioners are to check for a traffic count for the unofficial detour roads, SIRPC will do the checking.
5. County road edge striping (white) for Antioch Road.

**#4 Bernie Hauersperger - FPBH Inc.**

The commissioners were given an updated appropriation list for slide and road repairs for the county. The list is as follows:

1. The four right-of-entries, for Adkinson Hill Road, have been signed. Judy Lozier came to the meeting with some construction questions and later gave the forms to Bernie.
2. Josh made a motion to proceed on culvert area on Adkinson Hill Road and sign the contract, seconded by Mark and all agreed.
3. Popcorn Ridge Road repairs and possible USDA funding.
4. Markland Pike spot repairs and anchors for slippage. The rains have caused more slipping.
5. May need a change order for Angels Construction for additional rip rap on Markland Pike.
6. Wil spoke about emergency road repair bids.
7. Sand Run Road bridge approaches need paved. Darrell is to obtain a bid from O'Mara.
8. Issue for new land owners on Markland Pike.
9. Turn-around on Posey Lane.
10. Josh spoke about a Knox Ford Road extension request. This might be a topic for the next commissioners meeting.

**#5 Mike Armstrong - Janssen & Spaans - Bridge Inspections**

Mike gave the commissioners the bridge inspection report booklet. He had also sent a copy to INDOT. He has discussed the inspections with Darrell and priority schedules for bridges replacement plus a maintenance plan.

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#6 Other Business

1. *EMA Director:* To be discussed at a November 3<sup>rd</sup> executive session at 4:00 p.m. before the regular meeting.
2. *YMCA Contract:* Tabled until the next regular meeting.
3. *Beer Bash - October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of 2015:* The commissioners agreed by consensus to allow the Beer Bash to use the same location and to provide electricity for this event next year.
4. *Highway pickup truck bids:* Steve had quotes from McCubbin Motors off of the state bid site. An F250 Ford with the power package is priced at \$27,491.82. Without the power package it is \$26,728.07. Both include the tow package. Ford, Chevy, and Dodge trucks were discussed plus financing but no action was taken.
5. *Dr. Findley's office floor - strip/wax:* Bruce had a bid from William Gulley for \$1,050.00. After some discussion, the commissioners requested the number of square feet for Dr. Findley's office and the cost of the wax. No action was taken at this time.
6. *County employee title change:* After some discussion, Mark made a motion to change Mitch Barnes' title to Maintenance Department Supervisor and Bert Allen's title from custodian to Maintenance Department Assistant, seconded by Steve and Josh voted nay.
7. *Snow removal bids:* Bruce is to put an ad in the local newspaper.
8. *EERSD:* Steve advised the other commissioners of a meeting at Matt Hocker's office at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, Oct 7<sup>th</sup>, in reference to the East Enterprise Regional Sewer District - Mark is to attend.
9. *Signage for Antioch, Grants Creek and North Landing Roads:* Semi-trucks have been using county roads because of SR156 being closed at North Landing.
10. *Markland Business Park:* Lease information was discussed.
11. *Cherry Phillips - Plum Creek:* Mr. Phillips spoke about the Plum Creek and SR156 intersection being very dangerous. It was suggested that a caution light be installed but the commissioners informed him that would be an INDOT issue.

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 6:25 p.m.

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 Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor  
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