

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, Nathan Hughes, the county attorney, Wil Goering, the auditor, Gayle Rayles, and the commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams.

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

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

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#1 Mark Reed - Public Health Coordinator - Community Recovery

Mark is seeking a grant from the state health department. The grant requires a meeting with the entities involved, which include the commissioners. He has a meeting scheduled for March 9th and will advise the time at a later date. The commissioners agreed to attend.

#2 Martha Bladen - Storyfest

Martha spoke to the commissioners about the Storyfest event's future programs. She would like to use a room at the tech center on May 20th for their conservators holiday event and on October 1st and 2nd for Storyfest. She requested to use the rooms and not be charged rent. The commissioners agreed to this by consensus.

#3 Pam Reed - Bennington Pike Bridge #5

Pam Reed and Larry Flint, property owners who would be impacted by the bridge replacement were present.

Pam had various questions about length, width, and impact on her property. Steve stated that the right-of-way will be staked for a visual effect and the property owners will be contacted prior to any work being done. The county will work with the property owners. The work should begin in the summer when school is not in session.

#4 Sheriff Nathan Hughes - Noise Ordinance

The sheriff's department has received complaints about barking dogs; especially a resident on Oatman Hill Road. After discussing Ordinance 2010-03-15-10 and the section about a dog being a public nuisance, it was decided that this section of the ordinance should cover the complaint. No further action was taken.

2015 Sheriff's Contract: Josh made a motion to sign the sheriff's 2015 contract which was seconded by Mark and all agreed.

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#5 Connie Wallace - EMA

The following items were discussed by Connie and the commissioners:

1. The state has postponed the radio re-programming requirements until July 1, 2015.
2. EF Johnson mobile radios may not be able to be re-programmed.
3. Nixel notification problems.
4. Mark thanked Connie for her work and job performance as the EMA director.

Steve stated that 3 members of the EMA board are present: Mike Bear, Keith Smith, and Josh South, and that they had interviewed 2 EMA director candidates - Chris See and Jim Wingate.

They recommended Chris See be appointed. After some discussion about working hours and job performance expectations, Josh made a motion to appoint Chris as the interim EMA director for a probation period of 180 days. Chris is to not do any work for the fire department or EMS during regularly scheduled working hours and he is to post his schedule, as well as, when he is to be out of the office. All of his expenses are to be approved by the commissioners. No effective hire date was set; Chris and Connie are to work this out. Mark seconded the motion and all agreed. Connie was asked to aid Chris on the transition.

#6 Highway Department

Darrell Keith, highway superintendent, advised the commissioners that a dump truck was involved in an accident on Saturday. There was minor damage and the truck is back in service.

One of the graders is broken down.

Tom Kluener's letter about erosion on Grants Creek was discussed. Darrell is to call Mr. Kluener.

A blade being installed on a pickup truck and renting/leasing a grader was discussed.

Mark and the other commissioners complimented Darrell and the highway employees on the excellent work that has been performed during the recent snow and ice event.

#7 Other Business

Wheels for Wishes: Wheels for Wishes was requesting permission to be able to add a link to the county's website. They request donations of vehicles. Josh said the intent of the site was to advise the public of government and local matters and felt the request should be denied. All of the commissioners agreed by consensus. The request was denied.

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Other Business cont'd

Boyce contract: The Boyce contract is for the Moorefield/Bennington Sewer District billing software. The cost is \$1,055.00. Josh made a motion to accept the contract, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

Jefferson County attorney's opinion regarding riverboat revenue: The commissioners received a copy of a memorandum from Attorney Joseph Colussi to the Jefferson County Commissioners with the opinion regarding the 10% of the casino revenue Jefferson County receives from Switzerland County that is designated to go to MIDCOR Corporation. His opinion outlines why Jefferson County should continue to receive the funds even if their contract with MIDCOR is not renewed. Wil will prepare an opinion for Switzerland County on this matter.

Floor quote: The Flooring Gallery had a quote of \$2,200.00 to replace the vinyl with tile in the breezeway and the back entrance of the courthouse. The quote also included removal of the vinyl and to repair vinyl in various location in the courthouse. Josh made a motion to accept the quote, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

2-hour delay: Josh asked everyone present if there were any problems with the 2-hour delays. Connie Wallace said they are working out some issues but it is working well.

House Bill 1540: Josh also spoke about HB1540 that concerns gaming tax monies. There may be some amendment changes Tuesday.

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 5:58 p.m.

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