

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, Nathan Hughes, 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 joint meeting of March 11th and the regular meeting of March 16th were approved as presented on a motion by Mark, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

The claims were approved as presented on a motion by Josh, seconded by Mark and all agreed. Josh had a question about a credit card charge which Gayle is to check into.

#1 Rita Sebree - Annex Rental Discount for Veterans

Rita asked if the commissioners would consider giving a military discount in reference to the rental of the tech center room for a wedding reception. After discussing various percentages, this was tabled until the next meeting.

#2 Innovative Energy - 2015 Contracts

These contracts are for the preventive maintenance and temperature control for the medical building, and the tech center. The costs are: medical building is \$3,073.00 per year and the tech center is \$3,200.00 per year. Josh made a motion to approve both contracts, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

#3 Satolli Glassmeyer - Documentary

Mr. Glassmeyer did not appear.

#4 Caleb Evans - Otis Elevator

Mr. Evans gave the commissioners information about his company and spoke about maintenance for elevators and requested the opportunity to bid for this maintenance service. No action was taken.

#5 Highway Department

Darrell Keith, highway superintendent, spoke about the roads that were damaged by the heavy rains on Friday, April 3rd. The roads are:
Markland Pike - will need to be contracted for repair
Popcorn Ridge - will need to be contracted for repair
Fishing Worm Ridge - No discussion on in-house or to contract for repairs
Sadie Green - county will repair
Long Run - retaining wall will need to be contracted for repairs

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Highway Department cont'd

Other issues discussed:

- A. Grants Creek Road - needs repairs
- B. Bear Creek Road - school bus turn around
- C. Chip and seal
- D. Summer mowers - hiring 3 temporary mowers
- E. Salt - commissioners advised Darrell to purchase salt from Central Salt
- F. Permits for tree cutting (after April 1st)
- G. Semi-trucks using county roads - need more signs
- H. Darrell requested to return to the 4 days per week; 10 hours per day work schedule for the summer. Permission was granted and it is to start April 13th.
- I. Road repairs - going to council for chip and seal money
- J. Bridge #5 - the utilities are to be moved, phone and electric, after school is out (June). This bridge project should be a 60 to 90 day project.
- K. Detour Road Bridge - Bernie Hauersperger, of FPBH, suggested to install a 12' diameter culvert and repair the bank instead of a new bridge. Steve requested Bernie to check on the cost.

#6 Other Business

Mr. Stivers asked if there was funding from FEMA available for recent road damages (an emergency needs to be declared).

Josh requested a priority list of chip and seal roads.

Cherry Phillips' yard and driveway were damaged; Darrell is to check into this and repair.

#7 Mowing and Landscaping Bids

Wil opened the following bids:

Bullard's Lawn Care from Ghent Kentucky - Mowing = \$160.00 per mowing
Grassman from Switzerland County - Mowing = \$175.00 per mowing
David Rayles from Switzerland County - Mowing = \$175.00 per mowing
McCreary Lawn Care of Switzerland County - Mowing = \$195.00 per mowing
Got Grass of Switzerland County - Mowing = \$235.00 per mowing
Randy Scudder of Switzerland County - Mowing = \$500.00 per mowing

These rates are for all 3 locations: senior center, tech building, and the health department.

Courthouse landscaping bids: Eric Williams = \$8,400.00 for the season
Grassman = \$6,080.00 for the season

The decision was tabled until the next meeting.

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#8 Moorefield/Bennington Sewer District Position

There were two applicants: Glenn Bovard and Clint Anders. After some discussion, the commissioners asked Bruce to contact each applicant and request that they provide a sealed bid for the position.

#9 Sheriff Nathan Hughes - Gun Purchase

At the last meeting the sheriff had requested to be able to purchase an out-of-service semi-automatic pistol. Kiesler's Police Supply stated in a letter that the gun was valued at \$240.00. The commissioners agreed to the purchase on a motion by Mark, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

#10 Elyssa Haskell - Hummel Insurance - Renewal (not on the agenda)

Elyssa stated that the renewal date is April 20th. The cost increased \$3.47% due to a change in employee numbers, insuring newer vehicles, changes in inventory at the highway garage and the value of the buildings was increased 2%. The renewal cost will be \$185,311.00.

#11 Laptop Replacement

Gayle asked the commissioners about replacing the laptop currently used for recording the commissioner and council meetings or using one of the laptops the clerk has that was previously used for elections. There was a discussion on this as well as the recording system. More information was requested by the commissioners.

Steve complemented the EMA director, Chris See, in reference to the coordinated rescue of the ditch cave-in victim this past week in Vevay.

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 6:13 p.m.

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