

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 chief deputy, Brian Morton, the county attorney, Wil Goering, the auditor, Gayle Rayles, and the commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams.

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

The minutes of the previous regular meeting of June 22nd and the minutes of the joint meeting of June 10th were approved as presented on a motion by Josh seconded by Mark and all agreed.

The claims were approved as presented on a motion by Mark, seconded by Josh and all agreed/

#1 Highway Department

Darrell Keith, highway department superintendent, gave an update on the progress of the new Bennington Pike Bridge #5. The replacement bridge is ahead of schedule.

Darrell also reported there were some minor washouts on county roads from the previous rain but no major problems.

Josh asked about repairs on Plum Creek, Sadie Green Road, and the chip and seal schedule. Darrell stated that the repairs are completed on Plum Creek and Sadie Green Road. He has a chip and seal list but has not decided which roads will be done first.

#2 Other Business

- A. Courthouse Rumpke contract: The commissioners signed the annual Rumpke contract for trash removal at the courthouse.
- B. Transfer fee change: Gayle asked if the commissioners had given any thought to charging a \$5.00 transfer fee per parcel rather than per deed; which is what is currently done. After some discussion, the commissioners asked Wil to write an ordinance changing our fee schedule to read "a per-parcel" fee.
- C. Back up for phone system: There was discussion concerning this topic but no action was taken.
- D. Siemens quote: The contract is still being reviewed by Glenn Scott. No action was taken.
- E. Commissary Fund report: The commissioners each received a report on the Commissary Fund from the sheriff's department.
- F. Antioch Road: Josh asked about any damage done to Antioch Road due to the SR156 bridge closing as that was used as a detour route. Darrell is to check on this and advise.
- G. Planning & Zoning's fee schedule: There was discussion on this topic but no action was taken.
- H. New storage building at the health dept.: Rosemary Bovard asked if the health department had received their new building. The building has been ordered but has not been delivered.

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Other Business cont'd

I. EMS allegations: Steve asked the large audience present if there were any comments and Wil Hutchinson asked the commissioners what they were going to do about the EMS allegations. (According to a news investigation; several people received CPR certifications who did not take the classes/test.)

Steve and Wil Goering explained the commissioners' position. The county has a contract with the EMS to provide ambulance service. The commissioner do not have any disciplinary control over the EMS director or employees. There is an EMS board that has that authority.

Josh stated that he had requested an investigation by Homeland Security when he first learned of possible issues in June 2015. He made the request on June 3, 2015.

Issues that were brought up by the public included, but were not limited to:

- If Homeland Security says there is a problem, will the county terminate their contract?
- Problems with going to the EMS board for action.
- No more CPR classes with instructors from EMS
- Persons being given answers to the test questions prior to testing.
- The allegations hurting the volunteers.
- Suspending some individuals until and audit is complete.
- Not distributing money to the EMS until the issues are resolved.
- Can the State Board of Accounts do an audit since the EMS receives public funds?
- Motorola grant for CPR training.
- There were several questions brought up by the fire departments. People have been asking if their certifications are valid. Wil explained that the county does not have contracts with the fire departments.

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 5:59 p.m.

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