

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 called to order by Nathan who also led the pledge of allegiance.

Steve asked for a moment of silence for Ann Holdcroft, highway department clerk, and Carolyn Lohide, Mark's mom.

The minutes of the previous meeting of July 6th were approved as presented on a motion by Mark, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

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#1 Highway Department

Darrell Keith, highway department supervisor, reported that Bennington Pike Bridge #5 would be open to traffic, weather permitting, before school starts.

Chip and seal will start next week on Turtle Creek and move west. The commissioners requested that the public be notified by radio and a newspaper ad concerning the chip and seal schedule.

Darrell stated that there is a lot of rock that needs to be removed from the Bennington Pike Bridge site. Parham will haul the rock to a slip area on Culbertson Road for \$4,000.00. The commissioners agreed to this by consensus.

Joe Brady had called Steve and stated that the person doing the county highway mowing in his area is doing an excellent job. Dale Miller is the one mowing this district.

Darrell stated that temporary mower, Earl Bowling, was back to work.

He reported that there was very little damage to Antioch Road from it being used as a detour during the SR156 bridge replacement.

Steve said that INDOT has plans to widen the intersection at North Drive and SR156.

Darrell also spoke about repairs to Markland Pike. He will be in contact with Fred McAlister, who is just waiting on a piece of the mat.

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#2 Other Business

- A. Siemens Quote: Steve said that Lonny Harris and Glenn Scott had looked at the scope of work included in the Siemens quote/contract and they approved the quote/contact. The contract is for 5 years as follows:

1 st year	-	\$1,787.00
2 nd year	-	\$1,840.00
3 rd year	-	\$1,895.00
4 th year	-	\$1,952.00
5 th year	-	\$2,011.00

Josh made the motion to approve the contract, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

- B. Use of the Annex Building during fair week: The commissioners discussed this topic and decided the building would not be open for public use. The building could be used as a storm shelter if the need arose.

Bert Allen, courthouse maintenance, asked about decorative rock for the islands at the annex building parking lot. Bruce is to contact Mike Busch, regarding the kind of rock to use and the county highway department will haul it.

- C. SIRPC signatures for the rehab grant: Steve signed the required documents.

- D. Battery back-up for the telephone system: Josh asked about the battery back-up for the phone system. Steve said that he had been contacted by Dave Muncey, of CenturyLink, and is discussing ideas with him on cost savings. Steve also said that the contract for the phones will be due in the near future. He also spoke about the fiber-optic lines at the Markland Industrial Park; the issue should be resolved soon.

- E. Planning & Zoning vehicle: The commissioners discussed a vehicle for the Planning and Zoning Department. They suggested that Bruce contact Mark Archer, of Planning and Zoning, and look at state bid pricing on a SUV with 4-wheel drive. The vehicle Mark Archer currently has and the animal shelter truck at the highway garage will be sold by sealed bids in the future.

- F. Town of Vevay property complaint: Debbie Allen had a complaint about property in Vevay. The commissioners advised her to contact the Town Hall.

- G. Job Openings: Steve said the county is posting Ann Holdcroft's position and a full-time temporary position for Mitch Barnes' job as he is off due to illness.

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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 5:31 p.m.

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