

**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: Steve Lyons and Josh South, the sheriff, Nathan Hughes, the county attorney, Wil Goering, the auditor, Gayle Rayles, and the commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams. Mark Lohide arrived about 10 minutes late.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting of July 27<sup>th</sup> were approved on a motion by Josh, seconded by Steve and the motion passed.

The claims were approved as presented on a motion by Josh and seconded by Steve; motion passed.

**#1 Highway Department**

Darrell Keith, highway supervisor, stated that the guard rails for Bennington Pike Bridge #5 will be installed a week later than planned. This is a week after school starts.

He asked the commissioners if they had considered purchasing salt spreader boxes. The commissioners have not discussed this item.

Steve stated that the cost for removing the rock from the Bridge #5 location should have been \$5,000.00 not \$4,000.00. Parham Excavating will deliver the rock to locations Darrell indicates. Josh made a motion to approve the \$5,000.00 cost, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

Bernie Hauersperger, of FPBH, requested that the commissioners approve change order #1 that extends the project completion due date one week. Josh made a motion to approve the change order, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

Bernie also requested a contractor's application for payment in the amount of \$31,695.30. This request was approved on a motion by Josh, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

Josh asked Darrell about the repairs that are due on Markland Pike. Darrell reported that Fred McAlister has what he needs and will start when he finishes a current project.

Darrell had a question about who owns the ditch by Knox Ford Road at the bottom of Vevay Hill; he will check into this.

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**#2 Other Business**

- A. Old Lawnmowers and printer disposal: The commissioners requested that Bruce obtain a list of items that are no longer needed.
- B. Planning and Zoning vehicle: The following bids were discussed:  
McCubbin Motors: Ford Escape @ \$25,751.00  
Jeep Patriot @ \$20,565.00  
Chandler Chevrolet: Colorado Crew Cab @ 28,718.00  
Equinox @ \$22,559.00  
Trax @ \$21,954.00

Josh made a motion to purchase the Jeep Patriot for \$20,565.00, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

- C. EMA Position: Steve reported that Chris See had resigned his position as EMA director effective July 28, 2015. Josh and or Steve are meeting with Doug Cooke, EMA Director of Region 9, this Wednesday, 08-05-15, to discuss the EMA position. Bruce is to advertise this position in the newspapers for the next 2 weeks.
- D. Grant for a generator: The deadline for the EMA grants was extended one week to August 7<sup>th</sup> to give the county time to apply. Due to the fact that there is no EMA Director at this time Gayle will work with Dough Cooke to submit grants so that we don't lose the opportunity. There are 3 grants that need to be submitted immediately. The plans are to use one for radios, one for fire-department equipment, and possibly one for a courthouse generator. There was some discussion regarding the application covering all of the expenses for radio replacement and upgrades. Gayle said that the estimate she received was from Chief Deputy Morton for the sheriff's department and dispatch and he indicated that was all we need for the P25 upgrade.
- E. Approval of 2 new funds: Josh made a motion to approve the following 2 new funds, seconded by Mark and all agreed.  
#1193 Sheriffs Pension Trust Fund  
#7104 Special Death Benefit Fund
- F. Dr. Frede's mal-practice insurance: The County has been informed by KDH that their mal-practice insurance does not cover Dr. Frede in his capacity as Health Officer for the Health Department and Nurse Managed Clinic. The county has contacted Hummel Insurance regarding obtaining the necessary coverage.
- G. Temporary Maintenance Position: The commissioners reviewed the applications for the temporary maintenance position and the applications for the highway clerk's position are to be reviewed at an executive meeting on August 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.
- H. Annex parking lot islands: Josh asked about the gravel for the parking lot islands at the annex. Bruce is to contact Mike Busch.
- I. Pot holes: Bob Stivers spoke about the calls he has made to the state highway department in Seymour in reference to pot holes on SR101 and SR156. He has had no response from the state. He has called our highway department and a pot hole was fixed on Plum Creek in about 6 hours.

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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 5:59 p.m.

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Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor  
Switzerland County, Indiana