

**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 August 17<sup>th</sup> and the special meeting of August 26<sup>th</sup> were approved as presented on a motion by Josh, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

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**#1 Saundra Adams - Nurse Managed Clinic Policy**

Saundra spoke about a "smoke-free campus" policy that is required by the grant the NMC receives. The question is, can the NMC be declared a "smoke-free campus" without involving all county properties. Wil is to research this.

**#2 Pam Reed - Bennington Pike Bridge #5**

Pam had these three questions:

1. She requested that creek rock and some concrete pieces be moved from the creek and used to shore up the berm near her home. Discussion followed.
2. There is a need for a ditch on her side of the road to prevent water pooling in her yard. Darrell is to check on this.
3. Pam was not happy about the noise made when a vehicle crosses the bridge? The bridge has a "grate" floor that she was not aware of when the new bridge was being discussed.

**#3 Wellness Plan Question/Clarification**

Gayle said there are a few employees who are experiencing difficulties with their wellness benefits. She gave an example of a person who had a recent colonoscopy. The provider would not bill it as wellness since they had discovered a problem in the past. Josh asked to have the emails between Gayle and the insurance provider forwarded to the commissioners. This was tabled until a later meeting.

**#4 Computer for Veteran Service Officer**

Duane Covington, the VSO, is applying for a \$1,200.00 grant for the purchase of a computer and necessary software. Bruce had a quote from Marty Hankins for a refurbished laptop for \$200.00. The commissioners suggested Duane purchase a new laptop with the grant funds.

Use of the vacant office space on the top floor of the tech building by the VSO was discussed.

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**#5 Vehicle Bids**

Wil opened the following vehicle bids:

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| <u>Ranger Truck</u> |          | <u>Dodge Durango</u> |          |
| Jerry Monjar        | \$556.50 | Mary Ellen Witt      | \$401.00 |
| Lloyd Christman     | \$610.00 | Keith Little         | \$101.00 |
| Mary Ellen Witt     | \$401.00 |                      |          |
| Raymond Roland      | \$500.00 |                      |          |
| JJ of Walton KY     | \$556.00 |                      |          |
| Robert Scudder      | \$527.00 |                      |          |

Mark made a motion to accept Mary Ellen Witt's bid of \$401.00 for the Durango and Lloyd Christman's bid of \$610.00 for the Ford Ranger, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

**#6 Tree Removal - Courthouse Yard**

Wil opened the following bids for tree removal:

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| Bovard Construction | \$750.00 |
| Grassman Unlimited  | \$600.00 |

Josh made a motion to accept Grassman's bid of \$600.00, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

**#7 Map Printing Permission**

A company asked for permission in writing for them to use a map printed off the county's GIS site. They felt there might be an issue with the printer when they asked to have a map enlarged as the printer felt it was proprietary information. Josh made a motion to allow the printing of the map, seconded by Mark and all agreed. They signed the letter of request.

**#8 Highway Department**

Darrell Keith, highway department supervisor, reported that the long-arm mower is down again due to a cylinder failure. There are only 200 hours on the tractor and less on the mower.

The chip and seal work is completed for this year. Not all of the appropriated money was used. He was wondering if the excess money could be used to purchase spreader boxes. To replace all 9 boxes would cost approximately \$90,000.00 for Swenson boxes. Discussion followed but no action was taken at this time. Josh asked about the amount of money that was left over from chip and seal; approximately \$100,000.00.

There was discussion about going back on 5 8-hour days from 4 10-hour days.

Josh had a question about the school bus turn-around on Hominy Ridge Road. Mail boxes on that road have been damaged in the past. Darrel is to check on this.

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**#9 Final Bill for Bennington Bridge #5**

The final payment due to Parham Excavating is for \$73,734.70. Josh made a motion to pay the amount, seconded by Mark and all agreed. There is a warranty on the work through August 2016.

**#10 Markland Pike**

Darrell said that McAlister's repairs on Markland Pike look good.

**#11 Popcorn Ridge**

Cherry Phillips thanked the highway department for their work on Popcorn Ridge.

**#12 Nurse Managed Clinic Floors**

Sandra Adams requested to have the floors at the NMC stripped and waxed. She is to contact Bert Allen about this.

**#13 SR156**

Steve had spoken to Randy Frye and he is working on a way to open SR156 between Switzerland County and Ohio County. They estimate a year before the repair work starts.

**#14 Tech Building Gravel**

Josh asked about gravel for the parking lot islands at the tech building. Nothing has been done at this time.

**#15 Courthouse Maintenance**

Estimates for 2 commodes and a scale blaster will be available at the next meeting. These are for the old part of the courthouse.

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 5:55 p.m.

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor  
Switzerland County, Indiana