

**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. Commissioner Mark Lohide was absent.

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

Steve asked for a moment of silence in honor of Barbara Banta who was a past EMA employee and who passed away on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The minutes of the previous joint meeting of September 9<sup>th</sup> and the regular meeting of September 21<sup>st</sup> were approved as presented on a motion by Josh which was seconded by Steve; motion passed.

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

**#1 Lisa Scrogins – Quality Correctional Care**

Ms. Scrogins stated that a new law was passed effective on September 1, 2015 that requires an inmate that has been in jail for more than 30 days shall be enrolled in Medicaid. Quality Correctional Care provides medical care for our inmates and will help in signing up inmates for Medicaid for \$15.00 per person.

The jail will need to go online to the F.S.S.A. website to view the first draft and to enter into an agreement with F.S.S.A. Quality Correctional Care will be the sheriff department's designee for this agreement.

Birth certificates will be required for each inmate. Dr. Frede and the commissioners need to sign off on this new agreement.

After some discussion, Josh made a motion to accept in principle and to work out the details with Quality Correctional Care later; Steve seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**#2 Mike Kramer – Policy Change and Annual Renewal**

Mike came to ask the commissioners if they would consider changing the health plan concerning colonoscopy coverage. He suggested paying for a colonoscopy that was deemed medically necessary at 100% since the insurance company could not control how the doctors and hospitals billed this type of procedure.

After some discussion, it was decided to table this decision until Mark could be present.

**REGULAR MEETING – PAGE 2****Mike Kramer – Policy Change and Annual Renewal cont'd**

Mike also informed the commissioners that Pinnacle Advisory Group would pick up the cost of having to file the ACA paperwork for the county. These filings are mandated by the federal government.

Mike shopped out the different components of the county's employee health insurance. For 2016 the carriers will be MedBen for the medical and Lincoln National Life Insurance for the dental, life, and short-term disability insurance. There will be a slight increase over 2015 due to the amount of claims.

**#2 Sleepy Hollow Representative – Back Parking Lot Usage**

Paula Meyers requested the use of the back parking lot of the courthouse for the Sleepy Hollow event this Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. Josh made a motion to allow the use of the parking lot which was seconded by Steve; motion passed.

**#3 John Brofft – Innovative Energy Solutions – AC/Heating Info and Contracts**

Mr. Brofft gave a brief overview of the preventive maintenance contracts for the courthouse, jail, tech building, and the medical building. After some discussion Josh made a motion to accept the contracts which was seconded by Steve; motion passed. The contracts are valid through December 31, 2016.

He also had a proposal for the ac and heat problems at the Nurse Managed Clinic. This was discussed at a past meeting. The commissioners need more information before making a decision. Tabled until further information is received.

**#4 Sheriff Nathan Hughes – Chiller Repair/Replacement**

The following items were discussed:

1. The chiller has developed a leak.
2. The chiller is set at 30° and runs a lot.
3. There are high room temperatures in the dispatch area, IT room, and the control room.
4. If a new chiller is purchased it could be connected to the generator.
5. Innovative Energy is checking on chiller costs.
6. Steve advised that the commissioners will need "numbers" and requested Nathan to advise the county council of the chiller problems and cost.
7. Innovative Energy is looking into any Duke Energy rebates that may be available.

**REGULAR MEETING – PAGE 3****#5 Highway Department**

Darrell Keith, highway supervisor, stated that Markland Pike Road has been repaired and new paving has been completed.

Other items discussed:

- A. Darrell requested that a backhoe be rented for work to be done at the Markland Industrial Park. The cost for rental is \$1,700.00 per week.
- B. The county is to take possession of the conduit that is stored in a barn at the Markland Industrial Park for work being done as a trade along with the sale of a freezer and cooler that had been used by the Food Pantry that was housed there.
- C. A backhoe is to be used to fill in low ground areas with dirt.
- D. The county's backhoe is being used elsewhere.
- E. Wil stated that bids have been advertised for the spreader boxes. Darrell has contacted 3 bidders.
- F. Darrell had a request for dust control. After some discussion no action was taken as it is too late in the year.
- G. Fiber optic lines are being installed at the Markland Business Park and the installer would like the dirt work be done before installing the fiber optic lines.
- H. Josh made a motion to approve the backhoe rental which was seconded by Steve and the motion passed.

**#6 Other Business**

Cintas – new towel and toilet paper dispensers: Gayle discussed this offer from Cintas. Cintas will provide the automatic dispensers and the necessary paper products. Josh stated he was not in favor of having a company install their equipment and then possibly raise the cost in the future.

Water softener and commode replacement: Lonny Harris had advised Bruce that the cost of connecting the water line of the old courthouse to the water softener in the new courthouse addition would cost more than a softener. After some discussion Josh made a motion to accept Lonny Harris' estimate of \$2,525.35 to install 2 commodes and a scale blaster which was seconded by Steve; motion passed.

Tourism change: Kendall Miller is no longer the tourism director. Christy Morgan is now the interim director until restructuring is done in the near future.

New fund ordinances 8119 and 8120: The following new fund ordinances were approved on a motion by Josh, who was seconded by Steve; the motion passed. The new funds are: Fund 8119 - 2014 EMPG Competitive Grant Fund and Fund 8120 - VSO Training Grant Fund.

Snow removal bids: Bruce is to advertise for the snow removal bids for 2 consecutive weeks in the local newspapers.

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**Other Business cont'd**

Veteran Service Officer Salary: There was some discussion concerning the 1000 hours the VSO now has to work per year. The current salary does not even equal minimum wage.

Tech Building decorative stone: Josh asked if the stone had been placed in the parking lot islands at the tech building. Darrell stated "yes" but more is needed. They were approximately 2 tons short.

NMC smoke-free policy: Josh asked Wil about the smoke-free issue at the NMC. Wil stated he had spoken with a Mike Mundy and he stated the NMC Board can declare that the NMC be a smoke-free campus. The campus would include the building, parking lot, and the county owned vehicle.

County ordinance codification: Josh asked about the ordinance codification. Wil has a draft and has to review it before it is approved and paid for.

Board and personnel appointments: The commissioners would like to review the end of the year appointments at the next meeting.

Jefferson County riverboat money: The Jefferson County riverboat revenue issue was discussed. Josh asked Wil if someone could just take a check to the next Jefferson County commissioners' meeting and have a document that shows that the lawsuit would be dismissed. Wil said "yes".

With no further business to come before the board, Josh made the motion to adjourn which was seconded by Steve. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor  
Switzerland County, Indiana