

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

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

The minutes of the previous meeting of October 5th were approved as presented on a motion by Josh, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

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#1 Denzil Cutter – Genset – Sheriff's Department Generator

Denzil gave the commissioners a proposal for connecting a new chiller to the existing generator at the sheriff's department. The existing 250 amp breaker will need to be replaced with a 300 amp breaker. Other wiring installations were described in his proposal to connect the chiller to the generator for emergency operations at a cost of \$9,665.00.

There was discussion but no action was taken. Denzil needs to contact the sheriff and advise him of the proposal.

#2 Larry Perlich – Senior Center Floor Cleaning

Larry was requesting that the floors at the Jack Sullivan Switzerland County Senior Citizens Center be stripped and waxed. Bert Allen is to contact Larry and set up a time to do this.

#3 Mike Kramer – Pinnacle Advisory Group – Health Insurance

Diagnostic and preventive colonoscopies were discussed at the last meeting. Mark was unable to be at that meeting and the board wanted his input also.

After some discussion by each commissioner, Josh made a motion to keep the health insurance coverage as is which was seconded by Mark; Steve opposed, motion carried. Colonoscopies will continue to be covered on the standard schedule and paid per the hospital's or doctor's designation of wellness or diagnostic.

#4 Highway Department

Issues discussed with Darrell Keith, the highway supervisor:

1. Dirt removal at the Markland Industrial Park is almost complete.
2. Stone has been removed from the Bridge #5 area (Bennington Pike) to the Culbertson Road slip.
3. Epoxy grout has repaired the crack in the approach area at Bridge #5.
4. Trees need to be removed from the Turnpike Street ditch.
5. Bids for the spreader boxes were discussed.
6. The long-arm has been repaired.
7. 400 tons of road salt are stored at the highway garage and 800 tons are available if needed.
8. Steve Shackelford is working on the ditch on the Reed property on Bennington Pike.
9. Cinders are being hauled from the Miami Fort Power Plant.

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Inmate Medical Services Agreement: This was discussed at the last meeting. (Mark was absent.) This agreement could save the county some money in inmate medical care. The county needs to get a TCC number from FSSA to sign up for the program. Josh made a motion to sign up for the program, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

A new law dated, September 1, 2015 states that an inmate that has been in jail for at least 30 days has to enroll in Medicaid. Birth certificates will be needed.

EMA:

Topics discussed:

1. 9 radios were turned in from the VVPD; some can be up-graded.
2. The P25 up-grade deadline has been extended to 11-30-15.
3. The EMA has 5 extra radios.
4. 2 grants: \$5,100.00 for battery backup and \$17,560.00 for the communications department up-grades have been approved.
5. Only Josh or Gayle are authorized to sign grant requests. This was approved on a motion by Josh, seconded by Mark and all agreed. The resolution was signed by Steve.
6. Mutual-aid contracts with all county fire departments have been signed.
7. Tom Moore, EMA director, needs the Nixel log in information.

Gas cards: Gayle asked about getting fleet cards for the animal shelter and the EMA in order to save the county from paying sales tax.

Board appointments for 2016: Bruce is to run and ad in the local paper for all of the board appointments that expire 12-31-15; this is to run 2 consecutive weeks.

Markland Industrial Park: Vevay police officer, John Pritchard, asked permission to use the roads at the Industrial Park for emergency vehicle training. All roads at the park would be blocked off during this training. After some discussion, Mark made a motion to allow the request, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

Conduit at the Industrial Park: Josh asked about the value of the conduit; Darrell said the value is approximately \$20,000.00. The county owns the conduit which is stored at the Industrial Park. There is approximately 4000 feet of the conduit in 20-foot and 10-foot sections. It is 4 inches in diameter schedule 40 PVC.

The commissioners asked Bruce to obtain sealed bids on the conduit and the freezer and cooler that had been used by the Food Pantry when it was at the Industrial Park; both of which are dismantled. Steve said the county owns the freezer and cooler since the Food Pantry closed. Mark suggested selling them and giving the proceeds to the Food Pantry which is located elsewhere in the county. No action was taken.

Tourism: Gayle said that Christy Morgan is the new temporary tourism director.

Jefferson County riverboat money: There was discussion about the on-going issue with Jefferson County concerning the riverboat revenue money.

EMS contract: There was some discussion concerning the 2016 EMS contract.

NMC a/c and heat: Denzil Cutter gave the commissioners information on the heating and air condition problem at the NMC. No action was taken.

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With no further business to come before the board, Josh made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mark and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

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