

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 October 19th were approved on a motion by Mark, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

The claims were approved as presented on a motion by Josh, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

#1 Steve Crabtree – Vevay-Switzerland County Foundation – Land

Before discussing the land donation, Steve Lyons spoke about the sale of the cooler/freezer that was used at the Markland Food Pantry. He contacted the 4H and the schools to see if they would be interested. If sold, the money would go to the food pantry fund. Steve Crabtree stated that the Foundation had purchased 3 chest type freezers for the new food pantry at the Apostolic Church since the previous equipment is too large for their space.

Steve C. told the commissioners that the Foundation wanted to donate the land behind the health department to the county. This property is in the flood plain and is also being used by the county for the mitigation agreement the county has due to the Grant's Creek problem. The commissioners requested that Steve C. contact Brian McAllister, the county surveyor, for a survey; Mark said he would contact Brian.

#2 Angie Priest – Bavarian Beer Bash

Angie spoke about the recent Beer Bash event. She had received one noise complaint from the people who live in the old carriage house on Liberty Street. She considered the event a success and requested the use of the courthouse's electricity for next year's event. There was a discussion about using Ogle Park. Steve said this is a town event, the county just provides the electricity. Josh made a motion to approve the use of the electricity for 2016, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

#3 Steve Jones-Elard – Tourism Update

Mr. Jones-Elard gave the commissioners a brochure showing tourism's 2015 achievements and future projects and the Community Art Center. Tourism has committed \$60,000.00 toward the purchase of the Community Art Center at the corner of Main Street and Ferry Street. They have pledged \$69,000.00 in matching funds to IOTD Destination Development Grant to restore the hay press at the Thiebaud Farmstead and construct and Interpretive Center at Venoge.

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Mr. Jones-Elard introduced the new Program Director, Christy Morgan.

#4 John Brofft – Innovative Energy – Heating & A/C for the NMC and Jail

Mr. Brofft gave the commissioners proposals to repair or replace the chiller at the jail and a solution to solve the heating and air conditioning problems in other areas of the sheriff's department building.

1. To repair the chiller at \$16,516.00. (This would not solve the problem in reference to item 3 below.)
2. Chiller replacement, all electrical connections, and connecting the chiller to the existing generator \$77,740.00.
3. Ductless split systems for, dispatch, the control room, and electronics room for \$39,810.00. The proposals described in detail the actual work to be done. Mr. Brofft stated that by doing the split system, the life of the chiller would be extended. The chiller is now set at 35 degrees and could be set at 55 degrees by adding a split system to the problem areas. The new chiller would be a Trane model. It should last 20 years and have a 5-year compressor warranty. There is a \$1,400.00 rebate on the equipment. After more discussion, Wil stated that since this is a public works project, the work would have to be advertised and quoted.

#5 Tom Moore – EMA Director – Nixel Contract

The Nixel contract cost for 2016 is \$7,508.75. Josh made a motion to approve the renewal, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

Tom requested a commissioner to be on the mitigation committee. Josh agreed to serve on the committee.

Gayle informed the commissioners that the EMA grant for a generator for the courthouse was denied.

#6 Highway

The following topics were discussed

- A. They are finished with the excavator.
- B. The price of dust control was discussed.
- C. There are approximately 102 gravel or partial gravel roads in the county.

#7 Other Business

1. The contract with Quality Control Care LLC to apply for Medicaid for jail inmates was discussed again. The need to pay an outside company is not clear. There was discussion on FSSA providing the service at no charge. Wil and Nathan are to go to the local FSSA office and determine what FSSA will do before the commissioners sign a contract to pay for services.

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Other Business cont'd

- 2. Snow Removal bids: Glenn Gosnell sent in the only bid which was \$65.00 per hour and \$7.00 per 50 pound bag of salt. Josh made the motion to approve the bid, seconded by Mark and all agreed.
- 3. Spreader box bids: Wil opened the following 3 bids:
 - a. Big Rig Stop Shop of Sparta Kentucky - \$9,563.00 per box
 - b. Municipal Equipment Incorporated of Louisville - \$10,215.00 per box.
 - c. Jones Truck Equipment of Columbia City, Indiana - \$11,494.00 per box.
- 4. The number of boxes being purchased was discussed – 6 to 9 boxes. Wil and Darrell are to review the bid specs. No decision was made at this time.
- 5. EMS contract for 2016: Wil is to mail the revised EMS contract to Randy See of the EMS.
- 6. 200th anniversary flag: Gayle gave the commissioners the bicentennial flag she received at the auditor's conference. All counties are asked to raise the flag on December 11th at noon and read a proclamation as a kickoff of the state's bicentennial year. There was some discussion regarding where the flag will be displayed.

#8 Items not on the agenda

- 1. There will be an executive session on Tuesday, November 10th, at 5:30 p.m. at the tech building to review the applications for the maintenance position at the courthouse.
- 2. Josh asked about the stone on the parking lot islands at the tech building. Was plastic used for weed prevention? Bruce is to ask Bert Allen.
- 3. Mark had a request from an employee to review the colonoscopy policy next year.
- 4. Sandra Adams, of the NMC, asked about the heating and air conditioning at the NMC. The commissioners are still investigating the best solution to fix the problem.
- 5. Jim Thompson asked about term lengths for board member for Planning and Zoning. The board should be made up of the extension agent, surveyor, a council member, and a commissioner. Wil said they are staggered for a 4-year term for civilians.

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 6:25 p.m.

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