

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

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

The minutes of the previous meeting of November 2nd were approved as presented on a motion by Mark, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

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#1 Keli Gabbard – Animal Shelter Update

Was not present

#2 Sheriff Nathan Hughes – FSSA

Nathan said that him and LuAnn Schaefer, the jail commander, went to the local FSSA office and was told they would have to speak with their supervisor. After this Nathan and LuAnn went back to the FSSA office and was given the email address to enroll prisoners in Medicaid. Nathan gave Wil this information previously. Lisa, from Quality Control Care, LLC, was present and Nathan asked how many applicants they have processed, about 500 and there has not been any extra charges over the initial \$15.00 fee to this point.

After some discussion and Wil's recommendation to proceed, Josh made a motion to approve the contract with Quality Control Care, LLC, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

#3 Bobby Owings – Opening East Adams Road

Bobby came to ask the commissioners to reopen East Adams Road. This is on the Greenville Treaty Line. He went on to explain the historical significance of this section of road. James Peters and Tom Rogers, who are neighbors, are in favor of the road being maintained by the county. Bobby's dad never did want the road open.

After some discussion, the commissioners said they would need to do some homework before a decision is made. This is tabled until a later date.

REGULAR MEETING – PAGE 2**#4 Highway Department**

Darrell Keith, the highway supervisor, said they had reviewed the bids on the spreader boxes and would like to recommend that Big Rig One Stop's bid for \$9,563.00 per box for a total cost of \$86,067.00 for 9 boxes; this was the lowest bid. There is a 30-day delivery time. These will be stored where the old ones are. John Day, highway mechanic, said that maybe 4 of them were good enough to sell and the rest are junk. These are stainless and should last for a long time. Mark made a motion to purchase the 9 spreader boxes from Big Rig One Stop for a total cost of \$86,067.00, seconded by Mark and all agreed. The commissioners signed the acceptance page from Big Rig One Stop's bid.

Darrell asked about fixing the old long-arm tractor at a cost of about \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00 per Zimmer Tractor. John Day said the reverse clutch pack is out of it and more. The commissioners do not want to repair it.

#5 Other Business

Anniversary flag location: Josh suggested putting it at the tech building on Seminary Street. All agreed by consensus.

American Legion flag repair request: Josh looked at the memorial but did not see anything. Mike Bear said that one of the flags is loose. The commissioners asked Darrell and his guys to look into this.

Nepotism forms: Mark made a motion to table this until the next meeting, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

SIRPC board appointment: This was tabled until the next meeting.

Extension office contract with Purdue: This is the annual contract with Purdue for 2016. The contract amount went from \$40,970.00 in 2015 to \$41,590.00 for 2016. Mark made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

Board appointments: These were tabled until the next meeting.

Conduit bids: The commissioners received 1 bid from Angles Excavating, LLC for \$600.00 total or \$.15/foot. There is a total of 4000 feet of conduit. Mark made a motion to reject the bid, seconded by Josh and all agreed. This will be re-advertised in a broader area, not just locally.

2016 holidays, pay days, meeting days: Josh made a motion to approve the holidays (16 total), seconded by Mark and all agreed. Josh made a motion to approve the pay days (27 pay days), seconded by Mark and all agreed. The meeting dates were approved on a motion by Josh, seconded by Mark and all agreed. The meetings are at 5:00 p.m. on the first and third Mondays unless there is a holiday and then it will move to Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.

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EMS 2016 contract: The commissioners put together a contract for EMS to review. The basic concept is the same as the past but it was put in there to have voting members to represent the commissioners and council. The council turned the \$400,000.00 over to the commissioners to try and contract with EMS. The current contract amount is \$42,500.00 annually. They requested there be a citizens' committee to have 1 vote. Also they requested that there be an advanced life-support unit in the county all the time and not be used for non-emergency transports. They requested that the contract be reviewed on a quarterly basis and to have financial reports be submitted on a quarterly basis before funds would be released. Advanced notice would have to be given to the commissioners if there are complaints or an investigation lodged against the EMS. Division of property was included in the new contract. Anything the county had purchased would be returned to the county, such as the EMS being dissolved, or the agreement is terminated, or they fail to comply.

Josh is the current sitting member for the commissioners with non-voting powers. He went to the meeting that was called this past Saturday and the EMS wants to keep the contract the same as it is for 2015 and the county attorney and their attorney are looking at the agreement.

All of the commissioners feel that the requests or changes to the contract are fair and justified. The current contract is up December 31, 2015.

Planning & Zoning board requirements: Josh said the board positions are not currently filled correctly. The members are James Thompson, Roberta Scudder, Jack Leonard, and Brian McAllister. There should be 1 council member, 1 commissioner, and the county extension agent. The citizen advisory part should have 4 members split even politically. There needs to be some new appointments made.

Storage building on SR129: This would be a 20' by 30' building to store the cinder and salt mixture for the roads during bad weather. Steve Shackelford is to get some number together on the cost.

Contractors: It was suggested having a list of local contractors available in the courthouse for those people needing to have work done. To make the playing field equal.

Jefferson County issue: This concerns the 10% of the riverboat money that Jefferson County gets. The wording of the agreement was changed and Switzerland County did not want to get in trouble with the gaming commission. It has gone on for a while and both counties are in agreement to dismiss all of the legal issues between the counties. Wil would like the commissioners to go ahead and approve the concept and to give Steve the power to sign on the commissioners' behalf when the document is finished. Josh made a motion to approve dropping the lawsuits between Switzerland and Jefferson Counties, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

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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 6:11 p.m.

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