

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 and Steve Lyons, the county attorney, Wil Goering, the auditor, Gayle Rayles, and the commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams. Commissioner Josh South was absent to due traveling for work.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting of February 16th were approved as presented on a motion by Mark which was seconded by Steve.

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#1 Michael Kuhn – GLG America

Mr. Kuhn spoke about a life insurance program for the county employees. The present insurance carrier is Boston Mutual, whom he used to work for. He has changed companies and he would like to be allowed to offer Security Mutual Life of New York. The enrollment should begin April 1, 2016. This was tabled until Josh can review the information.

#2 David Potter & Greg Goodnight – Gardner Insurance

They would like to quote the county liability and property insurance. Mr. Potter and Mr. Goodnight spoke about the company being located in Madison and referenced other counties and cities that their company insures.

Mark stated that he is happy with the current insurance company and would not be willing to change unless there was a lot of savings involved. After some discussion, Steve stated he would accept a quote and Mark agreed.

#3 Elyssa Haskell – Hummel Insurance

Elyssa approached the commissioners and stated she is seeking quotes for our 2016 liability and property insurance coverage. She requested the commissioners give her an "Agent of Record" letter for Traveler's Insurance. The commissioners agreed to this request.

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#4 Aaron Bell – SEIRD

Aaron gave the commissioners a written annual report and spoke about the highlights and observations for 2015. All the recycling programs increased except standard recyclables at the drop-off centers which had a drop of 4%. They believe the decline is due to communities offering recycling.

#5 Bill Browning – MBSD Bill

Gayle stated that Mr. Browning had asked that if no one was living in a residence and no water was going into the sewer system would a fee have to be paid. A short discussion followed. The commissioners decided not to change the policy. If the property owner has the service available, regardless of usage, the fee will be charged.

#6 Highway Department

Chip and sealing of the county roads was discussed. Mark would like to see the process start earlier. Darrell Keith, highway supervisor, stated he plans to start as soon as school is out.

#7 Bernie Hauersperger – FPBH

Bernie gave the commissioners information in reference to updates on federal funding from the INDOT LPA project program. The LPA must have an active Roadway Management System to obtain funding. He also spoke about quicker turn-around time for safety project funding. Mark mentioned that some of the guardrails on Markland Pike are failing and this would be a possible use for the funds designated for safety.

#8 Other Business

- A. County EMS employee hiring: Nadine Swift, EMS director, gave an update on the progress of the county owned ambulance service. She reported that prospective employees had been interviewed and tested. She had a list of individuals that she requested the commissioners to hire.

Steve said a salary ordinance was already in place. A discussion followed concerning full-time and part-time and as needed employees. Mark made a motion to hire the requested individuals which was seconded by Steve.

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Other Business cont'd**County EMS employee hiring cont'd:**

Following is a listing of the employees:

Ryan Everman and Zach Brogan as Medics

Glenn Scott and Terri Grove as Advance EMT's

Eric Tuemler as an EMT

Medics: Renda Mills, Scott Stevens, Joseph (Luke) Lamar and James (Daniel) Myers

EMTs: Jeff Darling, Josh Claypool, Scott Reed, and Josh Lathery

PRN (as needed) Employees:

Colin English (EMT), Wm (Cody) McNeely, and Whitney Williams

There was a brief discussion about what type of cardiac monitor to install in the new ambulance. A motion was made by Mark to purchase a new Life Pack 15 which was seconded by Steve.

There was also a discussion on mutual aid with surrounding counties. There was a Mutual Aid agreement with Gallatin County Kentucky for Steve to sign.

B. EERSD board appointments: These were tabled on a motion by Mark which was seconded by Steve.

C. EMA grant signatures: The commissioners signed the grant.

D. SIRPC board volunteers: Gayle had received a phone call from Colleen Lay with SIRPC. Switzerland County has an appointed position on their board which has been filled by Steve Jones-Ellard. There are 2 other Switzerland County positions currently open. One will be an advocate for the county's poor. The positions are voluntary. Rosemary Bovard, with Vevay Media Group, is to advertise the openings.

E. Nurse managed clinic: The commissioners were given a letter from the nurse managed clinic requesting that the commissioners look into the heating/ac problem at their office. Steve said that the jail has a similar problem and Comfort Systems/Innovative Energy is installing a split system. If this works well, the commissioners will look into doing the same installation at the nurse managed clinic.

F. Flag poles: Rosemary asked if the flag poles for the memorial in the courthouse yard have been delivered – yes.

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With no further business to come before the board, Mark made the motion to adjourn which was seconded by Steve. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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