

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

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#1 Kurt Kegerreis – Southeaster Indiana Workforce Investment Board

Mr. Kegerreis gave the commissioners a yearly update report and spoke briefly about the information in the report as follows:

1. A 1.8 million dollar Skill UP Grant for 17 regional projects
2. The board's portion of this grant will be for two projects:
 - a. Providing services to all regional high schools to aid student job seekers.
 - b. Expanding job-dropout prevention programs

Funding for 6 offices has been reduced and the board is trying to make adjustments. Mr. Kegerreis stated that Mike Busch was our representative on the board and does an excellent job of representing Switzerland County.

#2 John Kniola – Progress on Bryants Creek

On March 21, 2016, the commissioners approved the park board to pursue county ownership of the Bryants Creek Boat Ramp property from the federal government. John stated that he had been in contact with various government offices for information to obtain this property and this will probably be a lengthy project. A letter of intent is needed and is being worked on by the auditor.

#3 Michael Kuhn – GLC American Insurance

Michael now represents Securities Mutual Life of New York, he was with Boston Mutual. His current company is AIC endorsed. There is no guarantee issue (no health problems disclosure) for sign up during initial open enrollment. He requested an Agent of Record letter informing Boston Mutual. Mark made a motion to allow Michael to offer the insurance and to have an Agent of Record letter to be sent to Boston Mutual, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

#4 Highway Department

Darrell Keith, highway supervisor, requested a 10-hour work day starting at 6:00 a.m. effective on April 11th. After some discussion, the commissioners advised him to start at 7:00 a.m. until there is more daylight at 6:00 a.m.

He advised the commissioners of road slips on Spring Branch Road, Culbertson Road, Sadie Green Road, Adkinson Hill Road, North Branch Road, Markland Pike Road, and Tapps Ridge Road. Darrell stated that the county should be able to do most of these repairs and will report at the next meeting (April 18th) which areas cannot be taken care of by the highway department.

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Highway Department cont'd

Josh asked about a top-coat treatment on some of the roads and guardrail repairs on Markland Pike Road were discussed.

The engineer's report on the Evan Hill Road issue should be available in 2 weeks.

Temporary mowers should start in mid-May. Darrell is currently looking at applications.

#5 Other Business

EMS Property: Steve stated that there were 2 appraisals done in reference to the former EMS building at 809 East Main Street. The average of the 2 appraisals is \$187,500.00 which is the amount the county is permitted by statute to pay. There was no agreement on a price.

Josh stated that a resident had offered private property for the EMS to use but would require a lot of work. After some discussion the commissioners stated they would pursue other locations. The switchover from KDH services to county services should be April 13th.

Dog Ordinance: Wil spoke about the changes in the dog ordinance. New wording includes language requiring some dogs to be quarantined at the animal shelter at the expense of the owners. Josh made a motion to approve the changes to the dog ordinance, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

Joint Meeting Dates: The next commissioners meeting is at the Tech Building on April 18th at 5:00 p.m. A joint meeting will be held after the commissioners meeting. The East Enterprise Regional Sewer District Board requested the meeting to discuss grants and matching fund issues.

The May 2nd commissioners meeting will also be held at the Tech Building due to the limited space in the regular meeting room during election time.

Searcy Ridge Road: Angie Priest spoke about accidents that have happened at a sharp curve on Searcy Ridge Road. She suggested painting edge lines on the road. After some discussion, the commissioners requested that Darrell Keith place reflectors at the curve or some other type of warning device.

Josh noted that he was disappointed that the county could not get a deal done on the EMS building and Mark agreed.

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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 5:27 p.m.

Attest: _____

Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor
Switzerland County, Indiana