

**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 chief deputy, Brian Morton, the county attorney, Wil Goering, the auditor, Gayle Rayles, and the commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting of October 17<sup>th</sup> were approved as presented on a motion by Josh, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

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**#1 Tom Moore - EMA Director - Belterra Radio Link**

Tom informed the commissioners that he would like to install a radio link at Belterra. He is waiting for legal approval and the cost would be \$1,537.66. The Fire Chiefs Association has agreed to pay the costs. He also spoke about a frequency interference on the fire band radio. J & N Electronics will add a new frequency for a cost of \$940.00. Josh made a motion to pay the cost of a new frequency, seconded by Mark and all agreed. Josh asked Tom for a list of who owned the various radio frequencies.

Everbridge, the new warning system, is on line. Not everyone is receiving the alerts especially on land lines. Josh requested that he revisit the site and add land lines and put an article in the newspaper with information about the warning service.

**#2 John Kniola - Markland Park**

John wanted to thank the highway department for the work that was done at the Markland Park and that the county has received ownership of the Bryant's Creek property from the U.S. government. Wil stated that this was the quickest transfer of property from the government that he had ever seen.

**#3 Chief Deputy Brian Morton - Courthouse Security**

This was another conversation with the commissioners about which entrance at the courthouse would be the best to use. Brian requested that a committee be organized to study this issue. The members will be Brian, Mark, and Gayle and input from Judge Coy. Steve spoke about the Jefferson County courthouse's security.

**#4 Darrin Woods - Light Tech Proposal**

Darrin provided an LED light bulb study for each county building. The study provided a lot of information. The proposal was tabled until a later meeting so that the commissioners could study it to see how much money could be saved by switching to LED bulbs.

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**#5 Highway Department**

Darrell Keith, highway department supervisor, had a quote from Janssen and Spaans for hourly rates. The highway department is a month out from obtaining permits which are good for 2 years. Steve asked Darrell to place repair bids for Bridge #26 on Log Lick Road.

**#6 John and Chance Brofft of Comfort Systems\**

It is time for the approval of the yearly contract renewal for preventative maintenance for the heating and a/c for the courthouse, tech building, jail, and the medical building. The cost per building will be: \$3,200.00 for the tech building, \$7,264.00 for the courthouse, \$8,830.00 for the jail, and \$3,920.00 for the medical building. Josh made a motion to approve all 4 contracts, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

John Brofft stated he would look into a utility cost study for the jail and reminded the commissioners that the chiller that provides a/c for the old section of the courthouse is approximately 24 years old.

**#7 Other Business**

Health Department floors, trees and board appointments: After some discussion everything was tabled with a motion by Mark, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

Cleaning the courthouse clock tower and balcony: These 2 areas have a lot of bird droppings and need to be cleaned. The clock tower needs the small holes patched so that birds cannot gain entrance. After some discussion Bruce was told to obtain a couple of proposals for cleaning these areas. Wil suggested checking with Service Pro in Madison, Indiana for a proposal; the company had done work at the Jefferson County courthouse. Bruce suggested contacting American Restoration also.

SCER concrete work: Questmark has a proposal to refinish the concrete floors in the bay, fill in cracks, and seal the concrete which would also provide protection against road salt. The cost would be \$7,734.00. Mark made a motion to accept the proposal, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

SCER water heater Leak: There was a discussion about the water heater at the SCER building leaking. Wesley has turned down the thermostat and said that should take care of the problem.

Tourism board appointment: Kathy Williams has resigned and her position needs to be filled. Bruce is to check with the clerk's office for political affiliation of the present board members. The board requires a political balance.

SCER open house: Everyone is invited to the open house at the SCER building on Saturday, November 12, 2016, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

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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 5:47 p.m.

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Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor  
Switzerland County, Indiana