

REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY 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, Jerry Monjar, and Josh South, the county attorney, Wil Goering, the auditor, Gayle Rayles, and the commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams.

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

The minutes of the previous meetings of February 6th and February 13th were approved as presented on a motion by Mark, seconded by Jerry and all agreed.

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#1 Keli Gabbard – Animal Shelter Items

Keli had a question about dogs being held at the shelter that belong to incarcerated people. Wil suggested holding them for 7 days and then placing them up for adoption.

There was a conversation about a second vehicle for the shelter and about the number of calls for service for 2016. Keli said there were 85 calls after hours and of those 40 – 50 were urgent. Jerry asked if they have forms to document the calls; they keep a log of all calls. Josh asked for more detail of the calls.

The purchase of SUV's was discussed. After some discussion Mark suggested that they should look for a 2-wheel drive truck with a utility box.

Keli informed the commissioners that the donations for 2016 were approximately \$20,000.00. The money was spent on a new a/c unit, new kennels, truck repair, and outside dog houses.

Josh mentioned their collections and the time frame for turning them in and Keli said they were about caught up.

#2 Tom Moore – EMA

Tom has contacted the Vevay Town Council and the Town of Patriot about extending the tornado warning testing from March to November. This is 2 months earlier that what has been done in the past. The tests will be at noon each Thursday.

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He also requested permission to place an antenna on the roof of the tech building. Coax will need to be ran from his office to the roof antenna. He has the funding for this. He had 2 proposals; 1) for a magnetic mount at \$1,400.00 or 2) a mast mount for \$1,900.00. After some discussion Jerry made a motion to approve the mast mounted antenna, due to stability, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

#3 Other Business

- 1) NMC & Health Dept. phone equipment storage: There were 2 proposals for fixing the telephone wiring problems at the clinic. There was 1 from CenturyLink for \$3,153.42 and 1 from Marty Hankins to run 20 "drop lines" for \$1,191.00. There was a discussion about the problem. Jerry stated he had been to the health department with Marty and Dave Muncey, of CenturyLink, and had looked at the phone problems. There are 9-10 computers on 1 router. Mark made a motion to table any decision until the CenturyLink numbers are verified, seconded by Mark and all agreed.
- 2) Grease trap at the JSSCSCC building: There were 3 proposals for this repair: Sedam Contracting for \$2,030.00, EJ Plumbing for \$4,300.00, and Geiler for \$4,995.00. Mark made a motion to accept the lowest bid of Sedam Contracting for \$2,030.00, seconded by Jerry and all agreed.

Dr. Findley's office has a trap problem also. Dr. Findley has purchased a trap and Wesley Poling, courthouse maintenance, said he would do the install.

- 3) Petition resolution: Josh explained the purpose of setting up a building corporation related to refinancing the tech building. Having a building corporation does not obligate the county to use it for financing it just gives another avenue. The county obtained the required 50 signatures from property owners in order to establish the building corporation. Jerry made a motion to accept the resolution, seconded by Josh and all agreed.
- 4) Tech Building Corporation Board appointments: Josh stated no one had applied in reference to the ad in the paper. Josh had asked Judge Coy, Tye Sullivan, and Roy Leap to serve on this board. Information about the meetings is to follow.

Council member Lisa Fisher has contacted the local bank and will be in touch with the bond council.

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- 5) Mowing bids: Larry Perlich will mow the grass at the JSSCSCC. He complained that the larger mowers made a mess and the mowing was done sometimes when events were going on. Jerry asked about the SCER property and Nadine Swift, SCER director, said they would take care of it. By consensus, the commissioners agreed to purchase 2 mowers one for the SCER property and one for the JSSCSCC property. Bruce is to advertise for proposals to mow the clinic yard and the tech building yard.
- 6) Health Department floors buffed and trees trimmed: These issues were discussed but tabled on a motion by Mark, seconded by Jerry and all agreed.
- 7) Courthouse chiller maintenance: The chiller for the courthouse annex has defective flow switch. Comfort Systems/IES had provided a proposal of \$1,100.00 to do the repair work. The proposal was approved on a motion by Mark, seconded by Jerry and all agreed.
- 8) Road cut ordinance: Wil has written an ordinance to cover road cuts and the use of county right-of-ways. This was tabled on a motion by Mark, seconded by Jerry and all agreed.
- 9) Jeff-Craig Fire Department: Josh spoke about inviting Jeff-Craig Fire Department to work with SCER and be a backup ambulance service and to buy their ambulance. They were unable to do so originally because they were under an agreement with SCEMS.

Marylee Tolbert spoke about the length of time for an ambulance to arrive at her mother-in-law's home on the west side of town; 47 minutes.

A discussion followed about run time, staffing, and the plan is to hire more personnel. Josh made a motion to approach Jeff-Craig to "come on board" and to purchase an ambulance from them, seconded by Mark and Jerry abstained; motion carried.

Jerry stated that he, Nadine, Glenn Scott, and Jeff Darling had inspected an SCEMS ambulance. They had taken the vehicle to Big Rig One Stop Shop for a mechanic to do an inspection. There was a discussion about how many miles there were on the engine.

- 10) Evans Hill case: Our insurance carrier for 2014 will provide liability attorneys for this case. They have hired the firm of Humes, Smith, Green, and Simmons for insurance defense work. Mark made a motion to approve the legal work, seconded by Jerry and all agreed.

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With no further business to come before the board, Mark made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jerry and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

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