

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: Jerry Monjar and Josh South, the sheriff, Nathan Hughes, the county attorney, Wil Goering, the auditor, Gayle Rayles, and the commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams. Commissioner Mark Lohide was absent as he was in attendance at the East Enterprise Regional Sewer District board meeting at the East Enterprise firehouse.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting of March 6th were approved as presented on a motion by Jerry and seconded by Josh; motion carried.

The claims were approved as presented on a motion by Jerry and seconded by Josh; motion carried.

#1 Sheriff Nathan Hughes – Security

Nathan stated that Joe Holoran, security officer at Ohio County, had met with him here a couple of weeks ago. Joe suggested that the front door should be used as the secure entrance and he offered help with training and set up.

A discussion followed and Josh suggested that the committee make recommendations on staffing, costs, and necessary equipment. The present committee members are: Judge Coy, Nathan, and Mark Lohide. Nathan spoke about special training that would be required and that Ohio County spent \$25,000.00 on the equipment they have. More discussion followed about the equipment.

#2 JSSCC Grease Pit

Jerry asked if the work had started on removing and replacing the grease pit at the Senior Center. The work started today by Sedam Contracting.

#3 Susan Craig – SIRPC – EERSD Public Meeting

Susan Craig was present and stated this will be a public hearing in reference to obtaining a grant from the Indiana Office of Rural Affairs and to make sure that everything is up to IDEM standards. She said there is a public meeting being held now at East Enterprise for the proposed rate increase.

Susan had 11 documents that needed the signature:

1. A sample media press release, if the grant is obtained
2. Insurance and certification for federally funded projects
3. Commitment to match federally funded projects for the auditor's signature
4. Civil rights certification
5. Letter allowing Susan to take minutes at a meeting
6. Readiness to proceed certification
7. Environmental review process completed certification
8. Engineering is complete certificate
9. Site control certification
10. Status of permit (will be in place prior to the start of the project)
11. Resolution, in OCRA format, authorizing the commissioners to apply for funds and the commitment to match \$625,340.00 from riverboat funds

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Jerry made a motion to accept the resolution which was seconded by Josh; motion carried. There was a question from the audience as to what the rate in East Enterprise would be; \$58.00 per month.

#4 Other Business

Information boards: Josh spoke about the information boards that had been placed on the wall behind the commissioners. The information is on bridge work and road slips and road repairs/paving. They will be updated by Carla Armstrong, highway clerk, and Darrell Keith, highway supervisor, as the work progresses.

Tech building refinance: Josh informed those present that a special meeting will be held Monday, March 27th, at 5:00 p.m. here to discuss refinancing the tech building.

Jeff-Craig Fire Dept.: Josh said they are still waiting on a reply as to whether or not they would like to be on the backup ambulance service list for the county SCER. They are currently in negotiations with the Town of Vevay.

Drug issues in our county: Josh also spoke about the drug issues in our county. He suggested that a committee be formed to discuss prevention, treatment, and enforcement. Anyone interested in participating in the committee/discussion should contact Bruce. Also the commissioners might provide “seed” money for a program(s).

Bridge #26: Wil said that Bridge #26, on Log Lick, has been advertised for repairs. Bids will be due on April 17th at 3:30 and will be opened in the commissioners’ office the same day. A representative from the auditor’s office, a commissioner, and Wil will need to be present. The bids will then be discussed at the 5:00 p.m. commissioners meeting that evening.

Materiality policy: Wil spoke about the state required materiality policy for the county. The policy was adopted in 2016. The commissioners just used the state statute minimums to write the policy which says any discrepancy has to be reported and dealt with by the commissioners and the SBOA. The main thing left to do is to make sure each department head and all employees receive a copy and understand it. There is training materials available at the SBOA (State Board of Accounts) if needed.

Park grant: Josh read a letter from the DNR about a sediment removal grant that John Kniola and the park board are working on. The last day for claims for this project is May 31, 2019.

Tapps Ridge trash complaint: Bruce had a conversation with a land owner in close proximity to the property where the trash complaints have been filed. This land owner was present and said not much progress has been made. Josh informed him that the county can’t do anything until the 30-day period is up.

NMC internet: Sandra Adams asked about the internet problems at the Nurse Managed Clinic. She was told that Marty Hankins was given the approval to work on this issue. Gayle is to contact him and CenturyLink has to do their part.

Animal shelter ad: There was some discussion about the ad Keli Gabbard had put in the paper advertising for part-time help. Bruce is to get with Keli. The commissioners are to be involved in the process and do the final hiring.

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With no further business to come before the board, Jerry made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Josh and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Attest: _____

Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor
Switzerland County, Indiana