

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 due to work.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting of April 3rd were approved as presented on a motion by Jerry and seconded by Josh, the motion passed.

The claims were approved as presented on a motion by Jerry and seconded by Josh, the motion passed.

#1 Elyssa Haskell – Hummel Insurance – Annual Renewal

Elyssa came to give the commissioners the information for this year's insurance contract. The coverage is from April 2017 until April 2018. There is a 7.6% increase due to several factors, one of which, is not enough jail staff. The new premium will be \$144,334.00, add terrorism coverage and the premium goes to \$145,701.00. There were some equipment additions: a new grader and 3 new ambulances.

There was some discussion about the shelters at the Patriot Boat Ramp, the land slide coverage, and earthquake coverage. The county had 7 claims for the year and 2 jail claims.

The jail's DOC inspection showed that the jail is being under-staffed by 7.5 people and this report changed our insurance rating.

There was a discussion on liability coverage on land slides in the county. Elyssa said the language specifically excludes this type of coverage. Jerry made a motion to table this topic until a special meeting, seconded by Josh and the motion passed.

#2 Sheriff Nathan Hughes – Security

Nathan had a list of items that he suggested would be needed for the courthouse security. (The list is attached.)

Other security items discussed:

1. Pay for 2 part-time employees.
2. Special deputies – arrest powers only while working.
3. Key fobs for employees.
4. Pre-basic class for training in courthouse security.

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Sheriff Nathan Hughes – Security cont'd

5. State mandated that we have a security plan. Wil suggested that tonight's presentation is considered a plan.
6. Council has to be approached for a revised salary ordinance for 2 security people.
7. The personnel would be the sheriff's employees per the Indiana code.
8. Specific details of the plan are to be discussed in an executive meeting.

#3 Dave Muncey & Randy Riemersma – CenturyLink Phone System

Did not appear

#4 William Wright – Property Complaint

Did not appear

#5 Trash on Tapps Ridge Road

Mark Archer, of Planning and Zoning, was present and stated he had visited the site of the complaints 3 times in the last 2 weeks. The site has been about ½ cleaned up. The owner has ordered a large dumpster to be delivered tomorrow.

Josh stated that the ordinance stated 30 days to clean up and that the owner had been given an extra 10 days. Per the ordinance a private contractor is to be hired or county employees will be used to clean up the property and then bill the land owner.

August Dauel, an adjoining land owner, was present and asked what constitutes a "clean up"? Some discussion followed; Josh stated just start with the frontage.

The commissioners requested that Mark Archer contact contractors and obtain prices.

#6 Highway Department

Bids for repairs to Bridge #26 and requests for engineering on Bridge #8 and Bridge #35 were opened at the commissioners' office at 3:30 today. Josh read aloud the bids on Bridge #26: McAlister Excavating for \$76,500.00, Joe Parham for \$119,000.00, and Angel Excavating for \$44,900.00.

Mark Lohide was not present and the bids were so far apart that a special meeting was called for April 19th at 5:00 p.m.

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Highway Department cont'd

Josh read aloud the engineer bids for Bridge #8: Janssen & Spaans for \$117,170.00, FPB&H for \$41,900.00, Landwater for \$67,900.00, and Civil Con for \$29,800.00.

He also read aloud the engineer bids for Bridge #35: Janssen and Spaans for \$60,800.00, FPB&H for \$49,400.00, and Landwater for \$24,000.00.

Geo-technical work is the major difference in the amount of the bids. This is to also be discussed at the special meeting on Wednesday. The permitting for Spring Branch and Markland Pike roads are to be discussed at the next regular meeting.

#7 Other Business

Strip and wax the NMC floors: Sandra Adams had a proposal from FMS Cleaning Company for \$550.00. There was a discussion about the cost. Josh made a motion to approve the request which was seconded by Jerry and the motion passed.

Backup emergency runs: The back-up emergency runs agreement with East Enterprise and Moorefield fire departments was tabled until the next meeting. There has still been no response from the Jeff-Craig Fire Department as to whether or not they want to come on board for back-up runs.

Paving estimates: These were tabled until the next meeting.

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 6:12 p.m.

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