

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 Josh South, Mark Lohide, and Jerry Monjar, the county attorney, Wil Goering, the auditor, Gayle Rayles and the commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams.

The meeting was opened by Sheriff Nathan Hughes with the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the September 18, 2017 regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Jerry, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

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#1 Kerry McConnell - SIRPC - Grant Closeout

Kerry gave a report on the Switzerland County Rehab Program. The grant funds were originally approved in 2015 and the grant ended on August 3, 2017. The county was awarded \$350,000.00 from the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority for a Community Development Block Grant for an Owner Occupied Rehab Program and another \$11,921.00 grant from the USDA Rural Development's Housing Preservation Grant Program. The county's match was \$23,801.00. Fourteen low-to-moderate income families benefited. Nine were in unincorporated areas and five in the Town of Vevay. Five of the households were disabled households, eight were elderly households and one household was both elderly and disabled. 57% of the families were considered very low-income households. Work completed on the homes addressed health and safety issues, energy conservation, and structural issues. SIRPC has submitted all the close-out paperwork to Indiana Housing and the state inspector has completed all but one of the inspections.

Josh said he'd been contacted by several people about how to get on the list for the next grant cycle. Kerry said that SIRPC maintains a waiting list and anyone interested can call her or Patty Jackson.

#2 Cary Lauderback - Red Hog Pike

Cary asked about the county's plans for Red Hog Pike. He stated that the road was in poor condition. The county has made no improvements and there is more traffic than ever. Josh said the highway department had removed some pavement and replaced it with gravel until next season as a stopgap. Highway Department Supervisor, Darrell Keith, said that they would like to pave the road but the hill needs to be stabilized before paving. They hope to work on the road in the spring. Josh said that engineers need to be involved over the winter to find out what we can and need to do.

There was a brief discussion on dust control.

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#3 Other Business

Moorefield-Bennington Sewer District Fence: The Commissioners decided to keep the bids for the fences at the Moorefield-Bennington sites sealed until a future meeting. They need clarification from the state on the materials we are required to use. The project may need to be re-bid.

Tourism - Petting Zoo During Sleepy Hollow: The Commissioners offered the lot on the west side of the jail as a location for the petting zoo and tourism agreed.

Jail Roof Bids: Josh stated that the bids to be opened would be decided on at a future meeting so that the commissioners could review and compare them. The following bids were presented:

- Indiana Restoration and Cleaning Services
 - Shingles - \$70,313.57
 - Metal - \$140,513.57
 - Both include repairs
- Exterior Pro
 - Shingles - \$51,360.00
 - Metal - Not recommended for this building
 - Repairs - \$1,015.00 plus \$40.00 per replacement sheet
- Bolton and Peck
 - Shingles - \$50,250.00
 - Metal - Not appropriate place for metal roof
 - Repairs included in the price

Mark made a motion to take the bids under advisement; Jerry seconded the motion and all agreed.

Tech Building Elevator Maintenance: The county received a proposal from Kone Inc. regarding maintenance on the elevator at the Tech building. The total for the three items recommended was \$4,600.00. There was a discussion on the use of the elevator and the need for the maintenance. Bruce is to get more information. Mark made a motion to table, seconded by Jerry and all agreed.

Bridge Replacement Plans for Bridge #8: Josh asked were the county is with the project to replace Bridge #8. Bernie, with FPBH (the engineering firm working on this project) said first they need to work on buying the right-of-ways for the approaches. This should happen in the next 30 days. Plans should be out in November to mid-December. Josh inquired what type of deck the new bridge will have. Darrell Keith said it will be concrete.

Bruce said that FPBH had turned in a proposal for the county's ADA compliance reporting. Since this is the only one we've received, the commissioners recommended it be held until all of the proposals are received.

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Community Crossing Grant: Josh announced that the county will be receiving \$868,850.00 from the State's Community Crossing Grant program. That's the sixth highest award in the State. The county will have to match 25% of the award. Eight out of the eleven grant applications were approved. He thanked Darrell and Carla for their work on the applications.

Telephone System: Josh said that CenturyLink had come up with a proposal at the last minute that would reduce our monthly expenses from approximately \$10,300.00 to \$5,300.00. The cost includes the equipment and service. This price would include the needed upgrades at the Nurse Managed Clinic. He has verified all phone lines with every department in every building and the need for voicemail. The cost of a line without voice mail would be \$17.00 and with voice mail \$23.00. He feels that the package covers our needs and made a recommendation that they accept the CenturyLink proposal.

Doug Foster, with ETC, asked about fiber optics to all locations and if redundancy was built into the CenturyLink system. The ETC proposal included these. Josh indicated that both were included.

Josh made a motion to choose the CenturyLink solution. The motion died for lack of a second.

Jerry requested a special meeting to go over the CenturyLink solution so that he could have one more look at their offer. Mark made a motion to table the decision until the next regular meeting on October 16th; Jerry seconded the motion and all agreed. A special meeting was set for Thursday, October 5th, at 5:00 p.m. to review the CenturyLink proposal.

LEPC: Jerry said there had been a meeting regarding re-establishing a Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC) in the county. Another meeting is planned for the near future.

County-Wide Cleanup: Mark said the fall cleanup had been slow this year. They called a few people about using the dumpsters for their tobacco trays in order to fill them since we had to pay by the dumpsters even if they weren't full. Darrell pointed out that the dumpsters were larger than those in the past. The county may have to re-evaluate having a spring and fall clean up next year or the number and size of the dumpsters.

Oversight on Jail Roof Project: Mike Bear asked if the commissioners were planning on having an inspector for the new roof on the jail. There was a discussion on having Morris Harris oversee the work. Bruce is to speak to County Building Inspector, Mark Archer, about doing this.

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LED Lights: Cherry Phillips asked about the LED lighting work. Josh said that it was completed several months ago and a comparison of the bills shows some savings. He explained that it is difficult to know exactly what the savings are since the bills where the lights were installed also include air conditioning and other electric usage.

Reds Pictures: Josh said that at a previous meeting he had recommended the autographed pictures from the Reds that hang in the meeting room be donated to the school for their Pacer Varsity Club Dinner auction. The dinner is soon and he will be taking the pictures to the school.

Creek on Two Lick Road: Rosemary verified that the county is not responsible for the creek on Two Lick Road. The commissioners stated that she was correct and anyone with the proper permitting can access the creek.

Mitigation for Culvert Issue: Bob Stivers asked about the item discussed at the September 18th meeting regarding the IDEM fine. The commissioners and Wil explained that there was a pending fine for a culvert that had been installed about 15 years ago that IDEM found to be too small. The county can pay a fine of \$4,000.00 or do a cleanup of a blighted area. We will be doing a cleanup of a creek bed in lieu of paying the fine.

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 5:58 p.m.

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