

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 October 2, 2017 regular meeting and the October 5, 2017 special meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Mark, seconded by Jerry and all agreed.

The claims were approved as presented on a motion by Jerry, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

#1 Highway Department:

There was a discussion on the Community Crossing Grant money that the county will be receiving. These funds must be used for the purpose of the Grant. The following is a list of those eight projects:

- Bridge #26 (Log Lick) - Repairs
- Pleasant Grove Road - Asphalt Resurfacing
- Plum Creek Road - Asphalt Resurfacing
- Spring Branch Road - Slide Correction
- North Branch Road - Slide Correction
- Markland Pike - Repair Slips
- Culbertson Road - Slide Correction
- Bridge #8 (Pendleton Run Road) - Replacement

Any funds remaining after the projects are complete must be returned to the State.

There were three project for grants that were not approved by the State:

- Bridge #35 (Quercus Grove) - Rehabilitation
- Fishing Worm Ridge Road - Slide Correction
- Chip and Seal - 14 Roads

Darrell Keith, highway dept. supervisor, and Carla Armstrong, highway dept. clerk, will attend an INDOT meeting this Thursday when Community Crossing funds will be discussed.

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#2 Replacement Trucks:

There was a discussion on purchasing replacement dump trucks. Darrell had quotes, but said they were not current and would need to be updated if the commissioners are considering purchasing at this time.

- FYDA Freightliner
 - \$79,636.00 - Truck
 - \$51,000.00 - Bed
- Shirks International
 - \$82,554.00 - Truck
 - \$45,870.00 - Bed
- Lischkge Motors (Mack)
 - \$77,751.00 - Truck with spreader
 - \$48,325.00 - Bed from Kaffenbarger

The trucks come with strobe lights but not radios. Radios can be moved from the trucks currently in use. The cost to replace three trucks would be approximately \$400,000.00, which Josh thought could come from council since the commissioners had not used council money for chip and seal.

The time between ordering and delivery is four to six months. Darrell said that stainless steel beds would not be necessary, if we go on a replacement schedule.

There was a discussion on highway department pick-up trucks

- 2002 Chevrolet
 - Has double plated frame which is separating from salt
 - Safety issues
 - 200,000 + miles
- Trade in allowances on old trucks
- The truck Darrell is driving is a 2011
- The newest truck is a 2015 model

There was also a discussion on the need to replace three short-arm tractors.

Josh recommended a joint session after the county council's November 8th meeting. All agreed and Gayle was directed to schedule the meeting.

#3 Other Business

School Endowment By-Laws: Mark explained that the recommended changes in the by-laws were primarily to correct wording that is no longer correct/relevant. One addition is wording that states a sitting school board member is not eligible to sit on the School Endowment Board.

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Other Business cont'dSchool Endowment By-Laws cont'd:

Josh said that the council had considered extending this to include employees of the school corporation, but he was not in favor of excluding them from the board as this could eliminate much of the county. He said a second addition to the by-laws addresses attending meetings by electronic means. There is a correction to the compensation of the members. The current by-law states that each member receives \$100.00 per meeting. However, the members have been receiving \$125 per meeting for some time. Josh felt the specific amount should be covered in an ordinance rather than the by-laws to make future changes easier.

Wil stated that having a specific compensation amount in by-law is not common. Those details are usually in a policy or ordinance. The county council has the authority to set the rate since the money comes from them in the form of Casino Revenue.

Signature - FEMA Patriot Boat Ramp Claim Release: Josh signed the form to close the FEMA claim from 1997 on the Patriot Boat Ramp. This work was never done.

EMR Chase Vehicle: Jerry said that he and Nadine are still working on the chase vehicle proposal. The details were not ready for this meeting.

Invitation to White House: Mark said that the commissioners had been invited to the White House next week for a round-table discussion on local issues counties deal with. Any commissioner wishing to go would have to pay their own way.

Proposals for ADA Coordination: Wil said that there are four proposals from firms for ADA coordination. The commissioners agreed to table this matter until the next meeting so they have time to review them.

2020 Census: There was a discussion on the 2020 census and updating local information. The deadline is 12/15/17 if we are going to participate. No local efforts have been done during intermediate periods. Our last participation was the last regular census.

Phone Contract: The new phone contract with ETC requires the county to purchase some equipment. Marty had given the county a bid for switches, etc. during the bid process. Other bids would be considered.

2018 IT Services: Josh would like to have the IT services for 2018 go thru the bid process. He suggested the county seek bids in mid-November. He suggested that the bids could be for a fixed annual amount or hourly rate. Marty was in the audience and Josh encouraged him to bid.

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Other Business cont'd

Q & A from the Audience:

Q. What happened to the fence project at the Moorefield-Bennington sites?

A. The fencing around the wetlands at the Moorefield-Bennington Sewer District sites was awarded to Angel's Excavating.

Q. Where are we on the new roof needed on the jail?

A. The roof project on the jail started Thursday. Bolton and Peck are doing the work.

Damage to SCER Building: Wil said that someone drove a vehicle into the back side of the SCER building. The damage has been repaired by Chris Bolton, who did the recent repairs and upgrades to the building. Repair costs amounted to \$2,600.00.

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 5:39 p.m.

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