

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

The meeting was opened by president, Mark Lohide, with the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the February 20, 2018 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Josh, seconded by Jerry and all agreed.

Josh made a motion to approve the claims; Jerry seconded the motion and all agreed.

**#1 Other Business**

a. Mowing Bids - Health Dept./Tech Bldg.: Wil opened the mowing bids:

- Tabco Properties LLC                      \$160.00 weekly
- Grassman Unlimited                      90.00 Health Dept. - weekly  
60.00 Tech Bldg. - weekly
- McCreary Lawn Care                      75.00 Health Dept.- each mowing  
65.00 Tech Bldg. - each mowing
- Got Grass                                      195.00 each mowing

Josh made a motion to award the two-year contract to McCreary Lawn Care and Jerry seconded the motion for discussion.

Discussion: The differences in frequency and services were discussed.

Mark called for the vote and all agreed to award the 2018-2019 contract to McCreary Lawn Care.

b. Courthouse Landscaping Bids: Wil opened the landscaping bids:

- Grassman Unlimited                      \$6,200.00
- McCreary Lawn Care                      6,200.00
- Got Grass                                      3,200 .00 + \$95.00 Weekly

Jerry made a motion to accept the Grassman Unlimited two-year bid and Josh seconded the motion for discussion.

Discussion: Fall clean-up is part of the Grassman bid and not mentioned in other bids. The county's previous experience with Grassman was very positive.

Mark called for the vote; all voted in favor of awarding the bid for 2018-2019 to Grassman.

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Other Business cont'd

- c. M/B Broken Lids: Equipment and livestock are damaging the lids on properties hooked into the Moorefield-Bennington Sewer System. The county has recently replaced several lids and some of the new ones are already broken. The commissioners discussed passing along the cost of damages to the property owner when they have caused the problem(s). These charges would be added to the customer's monthly bill. Wil is to draft an ordinance allowing the county to pass along the cost of repairs to the property owner.

There was additional discussion on sites with hookups not being used still being responsible for paying the monthly fees. Gayle said that this has not been a problem. The monthly fees were discussed. The original ordinance states that the fees are \$35.00 per month, but Gayle said the fee being charged is \$30.00. Gayle will look in the minutes to determine what amount is correct.

- d. Recycling: Storage of the recyclables has become a problem. The commissioners considered a proposal to get a recycling dumpster for the courthouse and the departments in the sheriff's building. After much discussion on the cost, location and need, Mark made a motion to table until they have additional information. Jerry seconded the motion and all agreed.
- e. Lifetime Resources Contract: Josh asked Bruce to send them a copy of the Lifetime Resources contract for use of the senior center.
- f. Indiana Restorations Authorization for Work: The commissioners reviewed the information received from Indiana Restoration. Their total cost for the courthouse restoration is \$99,088.16. There were several questions and Mark requested that Dan, with Indiana Restoration, attend their next meeting to address their questions before they sign the form. Josh would like to have a line item invoice before the meeting so they can review the individual costs.
- g. Heat in Connector on Second Floor: Bruce had a quote from Comfort Systems to repair the heating in the second floor connector. Josh recommended that the amount not be read aloud and Bruce contact Vern's Heating & Air and Sigmon's Heating and Air for quotes.
- h. Bridges: Mark said that ten of the county bridges were underwater during the recent flooding. Nine of them have been inspected and are approved for the school buses to use. One is still under water.
- Quercus Grove: Grove Bridge #35 replacement started today. The road will be closed 60 to 90 days.
- i. Travel Advisory: The commissioners discussed lifting the travel advisory. It has been downgraded from orange to yellow (caution). The advisory will automatically be lifted after seven days. It was decided to leave it at yellow for the remainder of the seven days.

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Other Business Cont'd:

- j. Dumpsters: The county has placed dumpsters throughout the county for property owners to use to dispose of flood damaged items. They are being rotated out as needed.
- k. FEMA: There was a discussion on how to apply for FEMA money. People should go through EMA or the fire departments.
- l. Distressed Area Tax Incentives: Sara Brichto told the commissioners that she would be applying on behalf of the county to be included in the tax incentive program for investments in distressed areas. Fifty percent of Switzerland County falls in the zone designated as distressed and the other half would qualify due to the property being adjacent.
- m. Spring Clean Up: The commissioners decided to have the county "Spring Clean Up" in conjunction with the Town of Vevay as they have done in the past. The dates are April 20<sup>th</sup> thru 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mark will discuss with Darrell about getting quotes from Best Way and Rumpke for dumpsters and Bruce will advertise the dates.
- n. Tractor Bids: Wil is working with Darrell on the specs for the new tractors for the highway Department. The commissioners verified that the units should be diesel and we are going to purchase three units.

With no further business to come before the board, Josh made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jerry, and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

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Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor  
Switzerland County, Indiana