

**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, county 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 May 7, 2018 regular meeting and the May 14, 2018 special 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 Nancy Peters - NMC Ambulance Billing Issues**

Nancy said she was representing the Nurse Managed Clinic. She was looking for a resolution to the problems the county is having with the SCER payments going to the clinic. Nancy was under the impression that there are several insurance companies that continue to send the payments for claims to the wrong place.

Jerry said that he thought Jim Freeman, with Ambulance Billing, was working with Sandra. All along it was thought that the problem was with the billing company, but that is not the case. According to Jim Freeman, when the clinic was first set up, a county billing code was used, not a code for a health provider in the county. Most of the insurance companies have taken care of things and are paying correctly now but there is still one or more that continue to pay the clinic instead of SCER.

Josh suggested a meeting with Jim Freeman, the commissioners and board members from the Nurse Managed Clinic so everyone gets the same information. Gayle will contact Jim to set this up.

Wil will review the contract with Ambulance Billing. Other billing companies are being considered for the future.

**#2 Nancy Barker - Medical Emergency Procedures**

Nancy was not present, but Josh addressed the question. Any time there is a medical emergency in a county building 911 should be called.

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**#3 Other Business**

a) Darrell spoke on the recent storm damage and other highway department matters:

- Upper Mary Lamb Rd. was shut down due to a culvert washing out. He was able to locate a pipe at McAlister's, who delivered the pipe at 4:00 a.m. Saturday morning. The county crew installed it and had the road opened by 3:00 p.m. The fix is not a permanent solution as the pipe is too small.
- The crews worked on Lower Mary Lamb Rd., Plumb Creek, Keith Rd. and Hunts Creek to restore traffic after storm damage.
- Markland Pike will be closed starting Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> for repairs. It will remain closed for approximately four weeks. These repairs will be done by the county as specified in the Community Crossing Grant application.
- The county started on Culbertson Rd. but has issues with REMC.
- Darrell is still working on contacting contractors about bids for road repairs as discussed at the May 14<sup>th</sup> special meeting.
- Fairview Road has been taken care of.

b) Tractor bids were discussed. Mark said that the bid from Zimmer was for a Terrain King mower. The one from Brown's was a Chambers, which is the same kind currently being used. There is a price difference of \$7,543.00 in the two brands.

There was some discussion on the trade in. Josh made a motion to purchase three tractors from Brown's Implement for a net price of \$148,500.00 after trade in of \$20,000.00 each; Jerry seconded the motion and all agreed. The tractors are to be delivered in no more than 120 days but Mark felt they might be available by mid-July.

c) Clifford Hatton's letter of interest to continue serving on the Florence Regional Sewer District Board was read. Josh made a motion to re-appoint Clifford; Jerry seconded the motion and all agreed.

d) Tom Moore gave a brief update on FEMA. There was a meeting last week for assessments for municipalities and this week they will meet on individual assessment. Everything is in motion for the county to receive FEMA reimbursement.

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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 5:31 p.m.

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor  
Switzerland County, Indiana