

**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 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 June 14, 2018 regular meeting and the June 13, 2018 joint 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 VSO Duane Covington - Ordinance**

Duane said he thought there had been questions about the bus that was donated for the veterans. Local veteran's organizations had been discussing the need for a vehicle to transport veterans to medical appointments. A private donor approached Duane and offered to pay for the vehicle plus \$1,000.00 in operating money. The vehicle is being purchased from the School Corporation. The county already has the money and is waiting on a few things before the county takes possession.

Further discussion covered:

- Drivers will be veterans or their family members
  - Must have a valid driver's license
  - Must be on the roster with the county and insurance company
- Titled under the commissioners' name
- Veteran's Council will work on fund raising for badging or a patriotic wrap

**#2 Tom Moore - EMA - Strategic Preparedness Plan**

Tom had copies of the 2018 Strategic Preparedness Plan for the commissioners. No signatures are required. The EMA Board has already approved the plan.

Tom has applied for a Performance Grant to benefit our Emergency Medical Response. The grant application is for two Lucas Devices with a total cost of \$30,000.00.

**#3 Sara Wolfe - First Fridays**

Sara Wolf, with Vevay Main Street, asked for a blanket approval for vendors to use courthouse electric and water on Liberty Street during First Friday events; the commissioners agreed.

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**#3 SCER Vehicle Update**

Glenn Scott addressed the needs for replacement vehicles. They found a 2000 truck in Kentucky with just 23,000 miles on it. The cost is \$10,000.00 and it includes a cot and stair chair plus some other miscellaneous items. The truck is being paid for out of the EMR budget and will be stationed at Posey.

Squad 1 at East Enterprise is in the shop again. There have been numerous problems and now the air conditioning in the back is not working. It may require a new compressor. It has a value of \$11,000.00. They are planning on trading it in on a 2018 truck for \$102,000.00.

The squad is in need of a power cot and a monitor for the chase vehicle is necessary.

Gayle explained that SCER has the funds to cover the cost of all of the above expenses. There was a carryover from their 2017 budget and all they need to do is ask the council for an additional appropriation since the 2018 budget does not have enough money in the equipment line. They will not be asking the council for any additional money, only to spend what they already have.

Glenn asked if the commissioners could be present at the next council meeting to support the requests.

**#4 Other Business**

- A. EERSD Board Opening:** Mark read a letter of resignation from Heather Bolton, who is moving and will no long be eligible to serve on the EERSD Board. Bruce will advertise the board position opening.
- B. Highway:** John Day, mechanic, reported for the highway department.
- Markland Pike is open as of today
  - Bridge on Pendleton Run had the lower side of the retaining wall damaged by the heavy rain. Added cost to the project will be \$7,000.00 to fix it while the bridge is being worked on.
    - Josh made a motion to approve the change order; Jerry seconded the motion and all agreed.
  - Culbertson - should be done in a week
  - Chip and Seal to start after crews finish with the work on Culbertson
  - Discussion on where Darrell is with getting two bids for a project the county wants to have done by individual contractors
  - Scotts Ridge Bids
    - McAlister - \$52,440.00
    - Parham - \$89,000.00
    - GSI - \$114,240.00
  - Due to the difference in the proposed work on the project in each bid the commissioners will take the bids under advisement
  - Fair Board's use of county equipment - Loader, backhoe etc.
    - Commissioners agreed as long as operators are qualified

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Other Business (continued)

- C. GAI lease agreement: Josh presented a lease agreement for GAI Consultants, Inc. to rent a 121 square foot office at the Tech Center for a monthly fee of \$151.25. GAI has done work for the county in the past. Most recently they did the ADA report. This is a month-to-month contract. Jerry made a motion to approve the lease agreement; Mark seconded the motion and all agreed.
- D. New Ordinance: New Ordinance for fund 9121, "Vets Transport Grant-CFSCI Fund" was approved on a motion by Josh, seconded by Jerry, with all approving.
- E. MBSD: There was a discussion on the condition of the MBSD areas. The grass needs to be mowed and there is Highway Department equipment sitting there in a residential area.
- F. There was a discussion on the lack of flags etc. in Vevay.
- G. SCER UPDATE: Nadine Swift gave a report on SCER. She reiterated what Glenn had previously covered about the vehicles. She also explained the delay in having the chase vehicle on the road.

Nadine also said that she would like to develop a Training Institution. The cost in some areas is as much as \$850.00 but she felt that we could work out something more reasonable. She would like it under the authority of Switzerland County and the commissioners agreed.

She also discussed the need for CPR instructors.

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 6:20 p.m.

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