

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, commissioners' attorney, Wil Goering, and the commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams.

The meeting was opened by President, Mark Lohide and Josh South led the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the September 4, 2018 regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Jerry, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

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

#1 Brittany Wilson - Vacate Hite Road

Joshua Upton and Brittany live on property at the end of Hite Rd. She said that persons who own property behind theirs have been trespassing on their land. They are using their driveway and yard to access the property behind them. She has consulted with an attorney and there are no easements that allow this. The county does not maintain the road/drive to their home. Wil said that they need to check to see if the county owns the lane to their home. If so, the right-of-way can be vacated and then they can put up a gate or fencing across the area in question. The county highway department can check on this. Wil will check with the attorney Brittany used to discuss their options.

#2 Other Business:

- A. Snow Removal Bids were discussed. Josh thought that last year the contracts signed were for two years. Bruce will check on this. If this is not the case he will put an ad in the paper.
- B. The commissioners signed the County Parks Ordinance that was previously approved. The ordinance now includes the language that violations are a Class C infraction, which has a \$500 fine.
- C. Josh said that the Switzerland County Emergency Response Director, Nadine Swift, is retiring in 2019. We need a smooth transition. He suggested bringing a paramedic in to work with Nadine for the remainder of her term. County council will need to approve a salary ordinance revision to cover a temporary salary to backfill for the internal or new person.
- D. The utility truck for Moorefield-Bennington was discussed. Jerry talked with Toney Gregory about outfitting a truck with utility boxes. Those to fit an eight-foot bed would be \$1,000.00 and \$2,000.00. There was a discussion on buying a used vehicle for Wesley or purchasing a new vehicle for the highway department and giving Wesley a used Highway Department truck. Josh made a motion to purchase one new truck for the Highway Dept. (Darrell to get quotes). Jerry seconded the motion. The vote was two for (Josh and Jerry) to one against (Mark). The motion passed.

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#2 Other Business (continued):

- E. The insurance company recommends the county hire a company to review the recent ransom ware attack and provide a forensic report to be certain no personal information was breached. The cost will be covered by the insurance company. Josh made a motion to proceed with this recommendation; Jerry seconded the motion and all agreed.
- F. Mark said that the insurance adjuster and Indiana Restoration came and looked at the carpet stain in the Clerk's office. They are going to replace the carpet. Mark will get confirmation on this.
- G. The commissioners reminded everyone that this weekend is the county-wide fall clean up.
- H. Bruce said that the refrigerator at the Senior Center quit working. The commissioners told him to get prices.
- I. Mike Bear said a new ¾ ton Ford would cost about \$27,000.00 and asked where the money for the truck would come from. Josh and Gayle said that it would come out of MVH (the Highway Department fund).
- J. Floyd Canada said there had been no progress on the recent ordinance violation regarding the trailers in his neighborhood. Josh said that the property owner has 30 days from September 4th to comply. Wil said that the owner could appeal and possibly get another 30 days. There is a Planning and Zoning meeting this Wednesday. They are the enforcement agency. The county cannot act on zoning in the Town of Vevay. That is up to the Zoning Board. Gayle asked about the Zoning Board preparing a new fee schedule.
- K. Bruce asked about having the parking lots sealed. The commissioners want to wait.

With no further business to come before the board, Mark made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Josh, and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

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