

SPECIAL MEETING – THURSDAY AT 5:00 P.M.

The Switzerland County Board of Commissioners met in special session pursuant to law and by being duly advertised.

Those present: commissioners: Mark Lohide and Josh South, the sheriff, Nathan Hughes, the county attorney, Wil Goering, and the commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams. Commissioner Jerry Monjar was absent.

The meeting was opened by Nathan with the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting of December 18th were approved as presented on a motion by Mark and seconded by Josh.

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#1 Herschal Lewallen – F.A.S.T. – 2018 Contract

Herschall came to present the 2018 contract for the fire alarm monitoring system, extinguisher maintenance, sprinkler system, and the emergency exit signs to the commissioners. The contract is broken down by each county owned building (8 buildings). There was no price increase for 2018; the price is \$7375.00. Mark made the motion to approve the 2018 contract with F.A.S.T. and Josh seconded the motion.

#2 F.O.P. – Shooting Range

The F.O.P. is wanting to establish a shooting range on county owned property out in the county. Officer Bob Morton said that the F.O.P. will provide their own liability insurance and have the commissioners as users. There is a special exception in the county's planning/zoning ordinance book for this type of request so the request will have to go to the Planning and Zoning Board. Officer Morton will contact Mark Archer, of Planning and Zoning to make sure the area is compliant and that the F.O.P. can proceed.

Once Officer Morton obtains the special exception then he will come back to the commissioners for further approval.

#3 Other Business

- A. I.T. Services: There were 3 proposals for the county's I.T. services: Accent Consulting, Bluegrass Computers and Technology, and Marty Hankins Computer Service, who is the current tech. Josh would like to exclude Accent Consulting because their proposal is for over \$100,000.00 so that leaves Bluegrass Consulting and Technology, which Eric Crabtree is the tech, and Marty Hankins Computer Service. Marty is 100% local, on hand, and Bluegrass is remote management and 8-hour response for updates, etc., 4-hour response for problems that do not stop operation, and 1-hour response time for systems being down, virus removal, etc. Bluegrass will monitor all systems at all times. The total monthly cost is \$3395.00 for an approximate total of \$40,740.00 per year.

Marty has been working for the county for the past 18 years. His is all on hands; call as needed. He is reducing his current rate of \$65.00 per hour to \$40.00 per hour for the next 2 years and averages approximately 500 hours per year. The contract would be for \$20,000.00 per year.

Mark made a motion to accept Marty Hankins's proposal for I.T. services for 2018 and 2019 which was seconded by Josh. Josh thanked the other 2 companies for responding.

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B. Snow removal bids: There were 2 snow bids: All Seasons Lawn and Landscaping Service, Kable McAlpine, and Grassman Lawn Care Unlimited, Todd and Rod Chase. Kable's bid is for \$80.00 per hour with 1 hour minimum, salt at \$12.00 per 50 pound bag of salt, and walkways at \$50.00 per hour. Mark wanted to explain if there is 1 inch of snow or less it would only be for spreading salt. Grassman Lawn Care Unlimited's proposal was for \$90.00 per hour.

Josh wanted to again thank Joe Parham for once again cleaning off the SCER parking lot; this makes twice at no charge.

Mark made a motion to accept All Seasons Lawn and Landscaping's bid for snow removal and Josh seconded the motion.

C. Board appointments

Cemetery Board: The board is asking the commissioners to reappoint Carolyn Miller, Bob Robbins, Nancy Barker, Cyndi Barnes, and Barry Brown.

Redevelopment Commission: This board is asking the commissioners to reappoint Gene Crabtree, Lary Jones, and Bernie Gaudin.

SISWD Board: This board is asking to reappoint Mark Lohide.

EMA Board: This board would like to reappoint Jerry Monjar.

Tech Building Corporation: No one applied for this board so Josh would like to reappoint Judge Coy, Tye Sullivan, and Roy Leap.

SIRPC Board: No one applied for this board either so Josh would like to reappoint Mark Lohide, Sarah Brichto, Lary Jones, and Barbara Davidson.

Health Dept. Board: This board would like to reappoint Dr. Bob Findley and Edsel Detraz.

Mark made a motion to reappoint/appoint all of the above board members which was seconded by Josh.

Tourism Board: This board has to be even split politically. Stacy Street's, John Talbert's, Anita Danner's, and Sheri Works' terms are up. There needs to be 2 republicans and 2 democrats. Stacy Street, Sheri Works, Anita Danner, and John Talbert all reapplied, and Andrea Kappes is a new applicant. 3 democrats have applied and 2 republicans. Mark made a motion to reappoint, Don Talbert, Sheri Works, Anita Danner, and to appoint Andrea Kappes to the tourism board and Josh seconded the motion. Bruce is to call the Town of Vevay to let them know who the commissioners appointed and that Stacy Street could be the Town's appointment.

Library Board: There are 2 seats open: Denise Crawford and Diana Johnson. Denise's term is up this month and Diana's is up next month and she plans on moving out of the county. There are 4 applicants, Carol Furnish, Debra K. Margison, Denise Crawford, and Jill Cord. Mark made a motion to appoint Denise Crawford to the Library Board and Josh seconded the motion. The other applicants will be kept until January to fill the other vacancy.

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Mark mentioned the fact that Judge Coy gave money, \$35,000.00, out of 3 of his funds back to the general fund. He does this to help offset salaries etc. He has done this for the past few years when he has extra money.

Mark said the fence is complete at the Moorefield/Bennington Sewer Districts.

Mark asked Wil if he had all of the specs for the truck bids for the highway garage. Those are to go to bid January 11, 2018. Wil said he included a 130-day delivery time after bid acceptance.

Bruce said that Comfort Systems started working on the new boiler at the jail this past Tuesday. The boilers still need to have the water chemically treated. Nathan has a company, Star Solutions, that takes care of the water softener at the jail and they will also service the chemicals for the boilers. It would cost approximately \$350.00 every 6 months to treat the water for the boilers. Josh would like a more definite cost of the chemical treatment. If you take the \$350.00 per 6 months for 25 years, which is what the life of the boiler should be, then that would be the cost of a new boiler. Nathan said if you don't treat the water the boiler will not last as long as predicted/warranted. Mark said you do need to treat the water. There were chemicals put in the boilers when they were installed but no one told the county to periodically check the chemicals. Bruce is to contact Comfort Systems about this issue and report back at the next meeting on January 2nd. No chemicals are to be added until after the next meeting.

With no further business to come before the board, Mark made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Josh. The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

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