

**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: John Haskell, Mark Lohide, and Steve Lyons, the sheriff, Roy Leap, the county attorney, Wil Goering, the auditor, Gayle Rayles, and the commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams.

The meeting was opened by Roy who also led the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the previous meeting of October 7<sup>th</sup> were approved as presented on a motion by Steve, seconded by John and all agreed.

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**#1 Tree Removal Bids**

No bids were received.

**#2 Bernie Gaudin – Tourism – Christmas Decorations**

Bernie stated that tourism will pay to have the courthouse lawn/fence decorated for Christmas. Rod Chase will do the decorating. The tree display on the courthouse balcony is not included. The commissioners agreed to this by consensus.

**#3 Keli Gabbard – Animal Shelter – Ordinance**

Keli gave the commissioners copies of the animal control ordinance. The commissioners discussed with Keli the adoption policy and the reclaiming of animals that had been placed in the shelter. The rabies policy was also discussed.

Keli spoke about a situation that had happened that day in reference to the adoption of a dog. The owner came and paid the fees and was give the dog back. This was the same day that the dog was to be adopted.

The large animal provision of the policy was discussed. John made a motion that the only animals to be picked up were dogs and cats and to keep the animal holding policy at 7 days, as it is in the current policy, Steve seconded and all agreed.

**#4 Terri Shoufler – ESPY Services – Telephone Bill Review**

Ms. Shoufler gave the commissioners information about her company which also described what the company had done for other counties to save money on their telephone bills.

**REGULAR MEETING – PAGE 2****Terri Schoufler – ESPY Services – Telephone Bill Review cont'd**

ESPY Services would examine the last 36 months of telephone records to check for errors. Their charge would be 50% of the money recovered plus 50% of the savings for the next 12 months. A 15% discount is available if the amount is paid up front.

ESPY Services would also check cell phone records and see if certain equipment was needed.

The commissioners decided to study the information and would advise of their decision at the next meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

**#5 Connie Wallace – EMA**

The following items were discussed:

1. EMA has received a grant of \$5,179.00 for the EMA's assessment that complied with the goals that the state had set.
2. A 6-foot radio reception antenna needs to be placed on the annex. There is no radio reception in the basement.
3. Connie also requested a camera to be installed at the basement elevator door to be able to see who enters the basement and a camera at the building's entrance.
4. She would use the \$5,179.00 grant money for the antenna and cameras. The commissioners advised her to obtain the cost and report back.
5. A \$4,000.00 grant will be awarded for a fence around the generator.
6. Connie is comparing the company Re-Group, to replace Code Red, the countywide emergency warning system. Re-Group may be more user-friendly. The commissioners advised her to review the new system and report back.
7. A WTH training refresher course is going to be held November 7<sup>th</sup> and an Advisory Council meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup>.
8. Anya Bacon is resigning as of October 30, 2013 as the District 9 administrative coordinator.
9. Mark signed a letter for the attorney general to review the mutual aid agreement with District 9.
10. Decatur County will be responsible for the 2013 District 9 grants and Switzerland County for the 2012 District 9 grants.

**REGULAR MEETING – PAGE 3****#6 Roger Thayer – Hilltop Basic Resources – Road Relocation**

Mr. Thayer requested that the county deed back to Hilltop Basic Resources the right-of-way to Upper Goose Creek and Hilltop Basic Resources would build a new road (which would be deeded back to the county) to North Branch Road. Wil stated that there needs to be a public hearing to dedicate the property and a formal petition to vacate the road. The commissioners gave approval, by consensus, to go ahead with the project. Hilltop Basic Resources will pay all of the associated expenses.

**#7 Highway Department**

Chris Clerkin, highway superintendent, had an extension agreement, in reference to the sign grant. The grant will run through October 31, 2013. There is no cost to the county for this project/extension.

Permits have been obtained for the Sand Run Bridge replacement project. At this time John made a motion to accept the bid by Fred McAlister, for \$27,400.00 to install the bridge on Sand Run, seconded by Steve and all agreed.

Bridges for Detour Road and Bennington Pike were discussed. John made a motion to lock in the price on the Detour Road Bridge and to accept bids on the Bennington Pike Bridge, Mark seconded the motion and all agreed.

Chris said it would take 6 months to obtain permits for the Bennington Pike Bridge.

Chris also has signs ordered for the Grants Creek mitigation plan. (This is a small stream behind the Switzerland County High School and the Switzerland County YMCA.)

**#8 Other Business**

Motion Sensors: Gayle advised the commissioners that both restroom lights are being left on and suggested that motion sensors would save some money. The costs were discussed. More information is to be provided for the next meeting, especially costs. Councilman Jeff Darling was present and said the power plants use these sensors to save money.

**#9 Harlow Road Name Change**

There was a discussion about the correct name for Harlow Road. The name needs to be changed from Bud Harlow Road to Bill Harlow Road. This change will affect 911 and they will be notified. Mark made the motion to approve this name change, seconded by Steve and all agreed.

**REGULAR MEETING – PAGE 4****Harlow Road Name Change cont'd**

There are other county road signs that will also need to be replaced.

**#10 Water Softener for the Annex**

This was discussed at a previous meeting. John made a motion to purchase a Scale Blaster, seconded by Mark and all agreed. The price quoted earlier was \$1,200.00.

**#11 Fire Departments**

Steve commented that there were members of the fire departments in the audience. He spoke about the funding issue for the fire departments. He also stated that the commissioners can comment on the issue but this is a council and fire chiefs' association issue.

Wil suggested a joint meeting between the commissioners and council which would also be a public meeting to discuss this issue. Wil is also waiting for information from Cody Kendall, the council attorney.

**#12 Wil Goering – Redistribution**

Wil stated there may be redistricting for the county council in reference to census date.

**#13 Jim Wingate – Bioterrorism Coordinator**

Jim asked if the county has liability insurance concerning cemeteries. Wil stated that there is no county liability insurance that covers someone hurt in a cemetery.

**#14 Keli Gabbard – Animal Shelter**

Keli said that she had a 6:30 p.m. meeting at the annex and she could not access the elevator due to not having a "fob". Ginger Furnish, of the extension office, was able to assist her. Bruce is to check with Mike Busch on key fobs and after hour meeting procedures.

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With no more business to come before the board, John made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Steve and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor  
Switzerland County, Indiana