

**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.

Bruce let the commissioners know that KDH will only do routine preventive maintenance. He'll call them about the work performed on 10-21-13. Innovative Energy will be finished with the work at the SCTEC next week.

Steve requested a change to the minutes of the previous meeting of October 21<sup>st</sup> in reference to the Hilltop Basic Resources request. The road name should be North Road not North Branch Road.

Also the minutes should show that the commissioners accepted the bridge package price on Detour Road. (At present there is not a bridge number for Detour Road. There will be a number assigned for the new bridge. The present bridge is less than 20 feet long and does not require a number.)

In reference to Bennington Pike Bridge #5, the commissioners are accepting bridge materials package and engineering bids only. Bids for the installation project will be let in 2014.

John made a motion to accept the October 21<sup>st</sup> minutes with the changes noted, seconded by Steve and all agreed.

Claims were approved on a motion by John, seconded by Steve and all agreed.

**#1 Ginger Furnish – Purdue Extension Office**

Ginger had a copy of the contract with Purdue which needed signatures. Steve made a motion to sign the contract, seconded by John and all agreed.

**#2 Connie Wallace – EMA**

Connie had received an email from John Ryle of the Lawrenceburg Red Cross that she discussed with the commissioners. Connie and the commissioners also discussed Red Cross volunteers and the change with the affiliation from Cincinnati to Louisville chapters.

John said that there was a fire in Vevay on Friday, 11-1-13, at approximately 9:00 p.m. and that the Red Cross was not there till 2:00 a.m. Connie Adams stated that no Red Cross volunteers were notified.

Wil is working on the Red Cross chapter change over to Louisville. Calls and emails from John Ryle can be referred to Wil.

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**#3 Marty Hankins – Sound System in Meeting Room**

Marty had placed speakers in the meeting room to assist people in the back of the room to be able to better hear the commissioners. The commissioners discussed this issue and decided that the speakers were not needed. The cost for the speakers and amplifiers would be approximately \$300.00 to \$500.00.

**#4 Saundra Adams – NMC – Telephones**

Saundra was concerned about an email she received from Gayle regarding moving some of the NMC budget money to the General Fund. Gayle explained that the phone bill is not broken down by department at this time. She is working on getting figures from CenturyLink for the health department, NMC, and highway department. These departments have their own levy or sources of income and their own phone budgets. All departments that are in the General Fund are grouped together and paid from the commissioners' budget; right now the commissioners are paying for all departments including those with a levy. The purpose of the email was to find a way to reimburse the General Fund for phone bills that should have been paid from those three funds. Gayle will forward figures from CenturyLink when she receives them. Saundra will prepare the claim for the charges.

**#5 Highway Department**

Chris Clerkin, highway department superintendent, presented a sign to the commissioners that will be placed in various locations at the mitigation site.

John appreciated the good work that was done by the highway department on Turtle Creek Road.

**#6 Other Business**

ESPY Contract: The commissioners decided not to use this service at this time.

Tree Removal: Wil opened the quotes:

Angles Excavating	\$ 975.00
Bovard & Leap Excavating	\$1000.00
Stan Freeman	\$ 400.00
Hughes Tree Service	\$ 300.00

John made a motion to accept the \$300.00 bid from Hughes Tree Service, seconded by Steve and all agreed.

Shelter Durango: The commissioners discussed the Durango, the Chevy S10 that the Town of Vevay gave the shelter, and the Ford Crown Vic that the EMA had purchased. The commissioners decided to sell all three vehicles. Wil is to do the advertisement for these. John made the motion to sell the 3 vehicles, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

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State Auditor’s Findings: The state audit of the county had a finding regarding grant reporting that required the county to have a plan for future reporting to avoid a repeat of the current problem. Gayle prepared the county’s response which required Mark and Gayle’s signature.

Civil War Veterans Plaque: The new war plaque has been installed in the courthouse hallway between the auditor’s office doors.

Fire Departments: There was more discussion about the county’s fire departments. Wil suggested a special meeting be held with the township trustees, council, commissioners, and the fire chiefs.

Griswold Cemetery Upkeep: Bruce is to look into who is responsible for the upkeep of the Griswold Cemetery.

Thank you: Angie Priest thanked the commissioners for their permission to use the courthouse basement for the “ghost tour”. The basement was a favorite location.

Bathroom Light Sensors: Gayle suggested that installing light sensors in the courthouse’s 10 restrooms would be an energy saver. Mark made a motion to purchase the sensors, seconded by John and all agreed. Mitch Barnes, the maintenance man, is to install them.

Health Department Board Appointments: John stated that at the next meeting the commissioners need to consider reappointing Dr. Findley and Edsel Detraz and to replace Dr. Willage, who has retired.

County Fire Protection: Mark said there is information going around that the commissioners are in favor of one fire department covering the entire county. The commissioners are not in favor of this and do not have the authority to make that decision.

With no further business to comb before the board, John made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mark and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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