

REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY AT 5:20 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, Steve Lyons, and Josh South, the county attorney, Wil Goering, the chief deputy, Richard Lock, the auditor, Gayle Rayles, and the commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams.

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

The minutes of the previous regular meeting of June 16th were approved on a motion by Josh seconded by Mark and all agreed,

The claims were approved as presented on a motion by Mark, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

#1 Kendall Miller – Tourism

Kendall stated that Sleepy Hollow is scheduled for October 11, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. She requested the use of the courthouse steps and the entrance way to the steps for musical entertainment, arts, and crafts. After some discussion, the commissioners agreed to allow this request.

Kendall also had a request to use the gazebo for musicians during Sleepy Hollow. After some discussion, this request was denied. They expressed a concern about possible damage to the flower beds.

Kendall and the commissioners also discussed the use of the courthouse yard for a Christmas display. This Christmas display had been at the Ogle Park but vandalism and theft have become a problem. Electricity use was discussed.

The commissioners requested that tourism devise a plan on placement of the display and the commissioners would decide at a later meeting.

Tourism Employee Insurance

Kendall inquired about tourism employees participating in the county health insurance plan. She stated that it is difficult to find employees since they don't offer health insurance. Gayle explained that the county is self-insured and this could be a major expense. Gayle will check into the feasibility and legality for a future meeting.

#2 Keli Gabbard – Animal Shelter

Keli asked the commissioners' permission to change the hours at the animal shelter for next week. She is working the county 4H Fair and Tara Hite, animal control officer, has a child involved in the fair. The shelter would be closed Tuesday and Saturday and open until noon on Thursday and Friday. Keli and Tara would take either vacation or comp time when they have to be off. After some discussion, the commissioners agreed to allow the request as long as emergency calls were taken care of.

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Bernie Hauersperger, of FPBH Incorporated, has inspected the road slides at Adkinson Hill road (2 slides), Popcorn Ridge Road, and Bear Creek Road. He gave the commissioners a detailed report on the repair costs. Bernie stated that the state might pay 80% of the cost of repairs; but the deadline to apply is July 8th. He would deliver the request to the state. The commissioners are to sign the necessary forms. The state may take 45 days to make a decision. Mark made a motion to sign the request forms, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

Bennington Pike Bridge #5 was discussed. The bridge has been ordered and other issues were discussed: delivery date, survey and the approaches, bids to construct, and construction time.

Bernie also gave a report on the Detour Road Bridge replacement and the following items were discussed:

- A. 24 x 20 bridge has been ordered
- B. Wing walls and approaches
- C. Construction time

Josh made a motion to approve FPBH Incorporated to do the necessary engineering and site work, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

John Day, interim supervisor, requested that the commissioners sign the title for truck #16 so that the vehicle can be traded to Mainland Diesel for maintenance work that has already been performed.

Other items discussed:

- A. Long arm mower purchase discussed
- B. Concrete slab at the highway garage has been poured
- C. Aaron Bell property that has erosion issues. The work had been approved at the May 5th commissioners' meeting. Josh has reviewed the site and stated that all of the work would be done on private property and not county property. Josh and John are going to revisit the property and will advise.

#4 Other Business:

1. Cook stove for the annex: There was a discussion about the purpose and what is needed and the requirements in reference to an exhaust fan, fire extinguishers, etc. No action was taken.
2. Car for the school resource officer: The sheriff had advised the commissioners that instead of trading in a 2009 Dodge un-marked sheriff's car, he would like to donate the car to the school corporation for the resource officer. Mark made the motion to approve the request, seconded by Josh and all agreed.
3. Letter of interest for the Housing Re-hab Program: This was discussed at the past joint meeting of the council and commissioners. Josh made the motion to sign the letter, seconded by Mark and all agreed.
4. IRS Rules for take home vehicles: There was a discussion pertaining to the rules for take home vehicles. Wil explained that the IRS requires that an employee who has use of a county vehicle and uses it for transportation to and from work is to pay taxes on this benefit. The rate is \$1.50 each way for any day the employee works. This is added to the employee's W2 as a taxable benefit. The sheriff's vehicles and highway department trucks are exempt.

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Other Business cont'd

- 5. Utility line drawing at the Markland Park: The water, electric, sewer and irrigation lines could be mapped on the WTH mapping systems that the county uses. Gayle will contact Sandy Althoff, of the park board, in reference to any cost and who would mark the lines.
- 6. Dehumidifier for the courthouse basement: Dan Hanlin's company, Indiana Restoration, has performed a/c and painting work on the courthouse. He suggested that one large dehumidifier be placed in the old courthouse's basement to aid in the prevention of moisture and mold. The cost would be \$2,500.00. Bruce is to obtain more details from Dan about the installation, delivery, etc.
- 7. Courthouse roof repair: ERJO Construction (Herschel Brichto) and Exterior Pro of Madison have examined the courthouse roof and provided written information that explained what work is needed to repair the roof. Herschel was present and spoke about the needed repairs. After some discussion, Wil stated he would write a spec sheet and the job could be opened up for bids if needed. Due to the nature of the problem this could be considered an emergency repair and advertising for bids would not be necessary. No action was taken.

Not on the agenda:

Larry Tolbert asked who owns the old section of SR129 that is located just to the east and dead ends at the back of the YMCA. No one knows who owns the road so Gayle will check the map.

Food Pantry: Lou and Mary Gordon were present and gave an update regarding the Food Pantry's activities. New food sources are being added.

With no further business to come before the board, Josh made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mark and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

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