

**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, Steve Lyons, and Josh South, the chief deputy, Richard Lock, the county attorney, Wil Goering, 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 meeting of August 4<sup>th</sup> were approved as presented on a motion by Mark, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

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**#1 Bridge #66 - Guardrail Quote**

Brad Bender, of FPBH Incorporated, stated that he had emailed 5 local companies advising them of the request for quotes for this project.

The deadline was today at 3:00 p.m. The auditor had received only one quote and that was from Fred McAlister. After some discussion Wil opened the McAlister quote. The quote was for \$29,000.00. Mark made a motion to accept the quote, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

Mr. Bender discussed a meeting that he had attended this past week with IDEM and other agencies. He asked the commissioners what/where they wanted to go next for repairs.

John Day, interim highway supervisor, suggested Adkinson Hill Road be repaired next. After more discussion the commissioners decided to combine the two damaged locations on Adkinson Hill Road and use local, rather than INDOT, specifications. Wil will prepare the advertisement and will contact the local companies for emergency bids which will be due September 15<sup>th</sup>. John asked to add Romans Excavating to the list.

Steve advised that there will not be any chip and seal work done this year due to all of the necessary road repairs.

**#2 Connie Wallace - EMA Grant Signatures**

Connie requested that the commissioners sign the grant for the 50% reimbursement of the EMA director salary. The commissioners signed the contract.

Connie also reminded the commissioners that the state requirement to up-grade all 800 frequency radios by September 2014 has been changed to December 2014. (This was discussed at a prior commissioners' meeting.)

Connie stated that there are 102 radios that require the up-grade at \$448.00 per radio.

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**Connie Wallace - EMA Grant Signatures cont'd**

Issues discussed:

1. To up-grade or purchase new radios (there are currently 16 radios due for replacement).
2. How many radios is each department responsible for and for the up-grade cost: sheriff, fire departments, EMA, etc.
3. Grants for \$25,000.00 that may be available.
4. The county received \$10,000.00 for re-banding in the past for up-grades. No action was taken.

**#3 Highway Department**

Michael Armstrong, of Janssen and Spaans, spoke about bridge inspections that had been performed; 41 bridges have been inspected. Five bridges are structurally deficient and 4 bridges were functionally obsolete.

He also spoke about Bridge #20 on Scott's Ridge Road; the footers are being exposed and will need rep rap to prevent further damage.

John Day requested permission to order a 5' by 30' culvert and a 4' x 35' culvert. The commissioners granted his requests by consensus.

John also requested the long arm operator be changed to full-time. There was discussion concerning this but no action was taken.

Wil spoke about bid specifications for the long arm and payment methods available. He stated he would prepare the bid specs and it would need to be advertised next week.

**#4 Other Business**

FPBH invoices: Gayle presented the commissioners with copies of the FPBH invoices for their review before payment.

New Fund 9116 Ordinance: A new fund for the Cemetery Commission was set up for grant money and donation money. This is the Cemetery Commission Matching Funds Grant. Mark made the motion to approve the ordinance seconded by Josh and all agreed.

Annex a/c: Steve spoke about the a/c leak at the annex. The commissioners are obtaining another proposal for the repair of the a/c leak. The other bid was obtained by Jon Bond. Gayle is to contact Jon for more specific information. No action was taken.

Generator at the annex: Steve gave the other commissioners an update in reference to the problem with the generator. The diesel generator has not run since July 31, 2014. He has met (at the building) with a technician from Cummings and Denzil Cutter of Genset who installed the generator.

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Other Business cont'd

Generator at the annex cont'd:

It is Denzil Cutter's opinion that bio-diesel fuel was put in the tank and that after 6 months the bio-diesel separated and that is what caused the problem. The fuel filters, tubing, injectors, etc. were stopped up with a rusty colored powdered substance. A quote from Cummings to repair the problem is \$10,693.31.

The bio-diesel fuel has been pumped out. Only #2 diesel fuel is to be used in the future. After some discussion, Josh made a motion to repair the generator at a cost of \$10,693.31, seconded by Mark and all agreed. (The bid included taxes which the county does not have to pay.). The repairs are to be paid from casino revenue funds.

Budget line item for maintenance: A budget line item for building maintenance was discussed.

Telephone: Telephone tax charges and telephone bills for the EDC were discussed.

Animal shelter: The commissioners discussed the cost of veterinary services for the shelter. The shelter has been using the Carroll County Animal Clinic, out of Carrollton Kentucky. After some discussion, Josh made a motion to use Dr. Walton, of the Rising Sun Veterinary Clinic, for necessary veterinarian services for the animal shelter, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

Executive session: An executive session is set for August 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. to interview prospective interim highway supervisor applicants.

EMS: Josh spoke about meeting with the EMS in reference to the EMS being owned/operated by the county.

EMA Director: Rosemary Bovard asked when a new EMA director would be appointed - no decision has been made at this time.

With no further business to come before the board, Mark made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Josh and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

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