

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 sheriff, Nathan Hughes, the county attorney, Wil Goering, and the commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams. Auditor, Gayle Rayles, was absent.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting of April 18th were approved as presented on a motion by Mark, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

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#1 Bob Stein - United Consulting

Mr. Stein just wanted to introduce his company, meet the commissioners, and say hello.

#2 Sheriff Nathan Hughes - Vehicle Purchase

Nathan spoke about buying 2 used 14 passenger buses from the school corporation for \$2,000.00 each. He would trade in or get rid of the white Dodge van that belongs to probation. The buses would be used to transport prisoners and jury members. Josh asked if extra financial help would be needed; Nathan said no. The cost of insurance was discussed. Josh made a motion to purchase 2 buses, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

#3 Pam Reed - Bennington Pike

Pam thanked Darrell Keith, highway department supervisor, for fixing the ditch by her house. She also asked about an engineer's report for a property value for the additional permanent right-of-way from Bernie Hausperger. Steve is waiting on the information from Bernie.

#4 John Stafford - SCER - FYI

Mr. Stafford wanted to thank the first responders and SCER in reference to their medical assistance concerning his son's heart attack that happened on April 20th. Everything went like clockwork. The doctors told him the medical personnel did their job or Troy wouldn't be here today.

#5 Highway Department

Darrell asked to lease or buy a rubber tired roller for the chip and seal process. Darrell had emailed the commissioners pricing and information on this. It would not be used for anything other than the chip and seal process. The rubber tired roller would give a better seal. The commissioners are in favor of leasing the roller.

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Highway Department cont'd

He had also sent the commissioners the pricing for salt for next winter. It is \$10.00 cheaper per ton than last year. Darrell reserved 800 tons. The commissioners are fine with this.

The commissioners hired Earl Bowling, Dusty Hunt, and Lewis Coy as this summer's temporary mowers. They are to start on May 16th.

#6 Election Resolution

Steve read the election resolution in reference to the pay scale for the election workers. Josh made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

#7 NMC Air Conditioning

The cost for a ductless split system is \$17,860.00. This is the same type of system that was installed at the jail which is working quite well. After some discussion, Josh made a motion to approve the system at a maximum cost of \$17,860.00, seconded by Mark and all agreed. The quote went up about \$5,000.00 from last year due to the equipment cost.

#8 Courthouse Landscaping

Josh had asked Professional Cutting Service to be at this meeting to discuss their work. No one showed up. After some discussion, Bert Allen is to check on Professional Cutting Service's work and then let the commissioners know at the next meeting. Josh would like to terminate them if they have not done the work by the next commissioners' meeting on May 16th. Mark and Steve were ok with this too.

#9 Courthouse Security

Judge Coy had requested that the commissioners consider a security plan. Nathan spoke about the cameras at the jail that can monitor some of the courthouse doors. Steve spoke about security at the Jefferson County courthouse. Nathan talked about Ohio County's security system at their courthouse. Nathan and chief deputy, Brian Morton, will work on this issue.

#10 Food Ordinance

The commissioners did not take any action on this ordinance. They had not been able to compare the old ordinance with the new ordinance. Nancy Craig is to email them copies of both.

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#11 Loan Contract Amendment and Supplement

Wil explained that there was a wording change on the tech building loan contract. The payment is due in November not May. The commissioners signed the documents on a motion by Josh, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

#12 SCER Ordinance

The commissioners approved the SCER ordinance setting the fees for services, set by the billing company, and a hardship waiver, on a motion by Josh, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

#13 Other Business

Mark spoke about the county cleanup held in April. On Saturday, April 23rd, the dumpsters were full and at 1:00 p.m. the site was closed. Mark called Keith Smith and the Town of Vevay allowed more trash to be taken to their dumpsters. The commissioners spoke about having a better system for the county cleanups in the future.

Rosemary Bovard had questions: She wanted to know what insurance company was selected; Hummel Insurance. She asked if Culbertson Road was closed; Darrell said no. She asked about Evans Hill Road and Steve said they are waiting on the engineer's report. She said there have been complaints about junk vehicles on the property Robby Teeters owns in Bennington. She was told someone needs to file a formal complaint.

Jeff Darling spoke about the need for a backup ambulance. He said that Sugar Creek has a 2001 E450 Ford diesel that has 88,000 miles on it at a price of \$15,900.00. This is where the first ambulance was purchased. After some discussion, Josh made a motion to purchase the vehicle, pending the vehicle passes inspection, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

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 5:50 p.m.

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