

**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 and Steve Lyons, the sheriff, Nathan Hughes, the county attorney, Wil Goering, the auditor, Gayle Rayles, and the commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams. Commissioner Josh South was absent.

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

The minutes of the previous meetings of July 5<sup>th</sup> and July 11<sup>th</sup> were approved on a motion by Mark and seconded by Steve; motion carried.

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**#1 Highway Department**

Darrell Keith, highway supervisor, stated that they are chipping and sealing as the weather permits. Steve asked about how much money was left for the chip and seal work; council had approved \$350,000.00. Darrell said that oil prices are cheaper this year and he is now buying stone from Hilltop Basic Resources instead of Hanson Aggregates at Versailles. He said he was watching the funding but did not say how much money was left.

**#2 Switzerland County Economic Development Commission – Letter of Renewal**

After some discussion, Mark made a motion to approve the renewal with SCEDC which was seconded by Steve who also signed the letter; motion carried.

**#3 SCER – Holiday Pay**

There was a discussion about paying overtime at time and one-half or an alternate day off like the sheriff's department employees. Nadine Swift, SCER director, and Gayle explained that due to the limited amount of staff, someone would have to cover for the person taking their holiday at a different time which would basically cost double. Nadine said the employees would rather be paid than take a day later. Mark made a motion to approve the overtime pay which was seconded by Steve; motion carried.

**#4 Flooring in the Highway Office in the Courthouse**

There was a discussion about needing chair mats if the carpet is replaced with more carpet or vinyl. Mark stated he would prefer carpet. He is looking into paint and carpet for this room.

**#5 Community Mental Health Clothesline Project**

This was a request to hang a clothesline, with t-shirts, on the fence in front of the courthouse for the August First Friday event. One commissioner was not in favor and the other was undecided. This was tabled until the next meeting when someone could be present from that organization to explain the request.

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**#6 Painting Bids**

No bids were reviewed and Bruce is to advertise for this painting job again.

**#7 TacMana Grant**

TacMana received a grant from the Vevay-Switzerland Community Foundation to purchase a food pantry storage building. They are asking the county to be the fiscal agent as they are a church (Truth Apostolic) and not a 501c3. The county would monitor the grant money. The following items were discussed:

1. Will the money be used as its intended?
2. Could the Foundation pay the bills instead of the auditor's office?
3. The Foundation requires the 501c3 for tax exempt purposes.
4. A meeting is to be scheduled between Mark, Wil and Chrissy Stewart, of TacMana.
5. What happens to the building if the church no longer handles the food distribution?

**#8 East Enterprise Regional Sewer District**

Wil spoke about up-grades that will cost \$1.3 million. A grant from OCRA will be submitted for \$600,000.00 to \$650,000.00. A letter needs to be sent to the Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission stating that the county would be responsible for matching the funds. Steve has the authority to sign any necessary paperwork on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. A discussion followed about the following items:

1. Payments – collections are being worked on.
2. A rate study.
3. Consider the county taking over the sewer district.
4. If the state takes over the sewer district rates could be as high as \$90.00 per month.

Mark made a motion to sign the paperwork for the grant for the county to provide the matching money for the grant which was seconded by Steve; motion carried.

**#9 New Ordinances**

Wil had 2 new ordinances as the previous ordinances do not meet the current requirements: a Drug Free Workplace Ordinance and a Fair Housing Ordinance. These are to be reviewed for the next meeting on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**#10 Audience Questions**

1. Is there a penalty for not paying a sewer bill? Liens are added to the property tax bill.
2. Can more houses be connected; yes. There is a law that requires residents within so many feet of an existing sewer system to be hooked up. This was not originally enforced.
3. Who paints the pylons on the ferry landing in Vevay; the Town of Vevay.

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**#11 Other Business**

Steve said that inspections are still pending in reference to the SCEMS building.

Steve also had a letter from the Department of the Interior explaining the progress on the county's application for the Bryants Creek property acquisition.

With no further business to come before the board, Mark made the motion to adjourn which was seconded by Steve. The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

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Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor  
Switzerland County, Indiana