BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUGUST 15, 2016

REGULAR METING – 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 auditor, Gayle Rayles, and the commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams. County Attorney, Wil Goering, was absent.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting of August 1st were approved as presented on a motion by Mark, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

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#1 Susan Craig – EERSD Public Hearing

Susan stated that the commissioners need to sign a "letter of intent" by this Friday for the EERSD renovation project to apply for grant funds. This is the mandatory public hearing. There is a signup sheet being passed around for those present to sign as part of the public hearing requirements.

The project total is estimated to be $1,321,280.00. The county is to commit to the difference in the grant amount and the project expense which is approximately $671,000.00. The grant would be for $650,000.00 and an additional $50,000.00 in funds may be available after the rate study.

The following items were discussed: bonding, rate studies, sustainability, and expansion. The current charge is $42.80 a month per resident. There is approximately a $3,000.00 shortfall in cash flow each month.

There was a conversation about reducing costs, expanding the system, and changing the business from residential to commercial rates. There will be a savings in lab fees after the project completion since they will not be treating rain water after heavy rains.

This project does not fix the entire system, only the parts in the agreed order. The system needs to be compliant to avoid a daily fine which would be thousands of dollars ($2,800.00 per day).

Steve asked for a motion to sign the "letter of intent". Josh made the motion to sign the letter, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

#2 Anita Danner – Torch Relay

Anita invited the commissioners to attend the Thiebald Farm on October 1st and 2nd for the hay press display. She also spoke about the bicentennial torch relay scheduled for September 17th for our county. Judge Coy will make a presentation on the courthouse steps. She requested the use of the courthouse for this event. Josh made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

There will be a bison painted to represent Switzerland County on display in the courthouse lawn.

#3 Terry Hall – Use of Highway Equipment

Terry requested the use of some of the highway equipment to assist in getting the ground at the 4H track in good shape for a tractor pull on September 16th and 17th. The cable show RFD will be present to film the event. He also asked for the highway department's long arm to be used to cut weeds. Darrell stated that it would be ok to use the equipment. The commissioners agreed by consensus to approve the requests. Darrell said since Terry is a county employee (councilman) he can operate the equipment. There was a discussion about someone mowing the tall grass at the intersection of SR129 and SR56.

#4 Highway Department

Steve said that the underpinning on Bridge #26 (on Log Lick) needs to be repaired as soon as possible; beam replacement can be done later to increase tonnage. Steve recommended Jansen and Spaans do the engineering and the work would be put out for bids. Josh made a motion to hire Janssen and Spaans, seconded by Mark and all agreed. Mark said that a UPS driver told him our county roads are better than most roads in other countys.

#5 Other Business

Seal and stripe the clinic parking lot: This was tabled.

Courthouse a/c repairs: Comfort Systems had a proposal to repair 6 fan coil units in the old section of the courthouse. The total cost for the 6 units would be $12,900.00. Mark made a motion to approve the repairs, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

Courthouse carpet cleaning: Chem-Buff, of Aurora, had a proposal to clean the upstairs carpet in the courtroom, the old judge's office, hallway, and stair steps for a cost of $1,415.60. Mark made a motion to approve the quote, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

Fall cleanup: After some discussion, the fall cleanup was set for September 23rd, 24th, and 25th. Josh said their needs to be some rules established on what can be put in the dumpsters.

New fund ordinance: The following new fund ordinance was approved on a motion by Josh, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

SWITZERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Ordinance Number 08-15-2016

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW FUND

FUND NUMBER 8201 – OWNER OCCUPIED REHAB GRANT

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. There is hereby established a fund to be known as the "Owner Occupied Rehab Grant Fund" ("the Fund"). Said Fund shall be funded by grant funds.

2. The purpose of this Fund shall be to rehab low income owner occupied residences.

3. This shall be a non-reverting Fund.

4. Said Fund shall be spent in accordance with the general rules as to which other Funds of the county are subject.

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.

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