

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, the auditor, Gayle Rayles, and the commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams.

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

The minutes of the previous regular meeting and joint meeting of September 6th were approved as presented on a motion by Mark, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

The claims were approved as presented on a motion by Josh and seconded by Mark. Bruce asked if the commissioners would agree to pay Chem-Buff early for cleaning the carpets upstairs in the courthouse since he is a small business owner and missed the advertising deadline. Josh amended his motion to include the bill from Chem-Buff for \$1,415.60. Steve called for a vote, motion carried.

#1 Angie Priest – Permission to Use the Old Jail and Courthouse Basement for the Ghost Tour

Angie came back again this year to get permission to use the basement in the old part of the courthouse and the old jail on October 28th and 30th for a ghost tour. Josh asked about an employee being here to unlock the door, Bruce agreed to come. Josh made a motion to let them use the building, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

#2 Highway Department

Darrell Keith, highway supervisor, said he had contacted Dearborn County about the sheet piling. He has a representative coming on Thursday from the contractor Dearborn County used and have him explain the product and give some prices. They do give a 5 year warranty with their product. He has heard nothing back from Janssen and Spaans yet.

Josh had asked about prioritizing the slips. Darrell said it is hard because they need to be prioritized by impact. There is a large one on Sadie Green Road, but it only affects 1 house, and they have a smaller one on Markland Pike that will impact a whole lot more people. Josh asked what the most important ones are now, Darrell said Spring Branch and Markland Pike.

Mark asked about whether or not there would be any permits needed to use the sheet piling. Darrell did not believe so; he would have more information after meeting with the representative Thursday.

Josh mentioned the Asset Management Plan, he had talked to Carla Armstrong, highway clerk, and she felt like she could keep it up but not create it. Darrell said he and Carla had talked about it and the superintendent in Scott County has offered her assistance in developing it, but after reading a proposal he had received from an outside company, they will also help with the application process and everything like that. He had 2 proposals from companies that would help with the process but they are costly. LTAP is trying to establish a data base on roads, so even if the county doesn't get grant money out of this process LTAP is going to want the information anyway at some point.

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#3 Snow Removal Bids

Bruce asked if the commissioners wanted to advertise for snow removal bids again this year. They said yes and Josh said to remember to include the SCER building also. Bruce was instructed to run the ad for 2 weeks.

#4 Carpet Cleaning Bids for the Courthouse

The commissioners had a proposal from Chem Buff for cleaning some of the carpets in the courthouse that did not get cleaned the last time. Josh made a motion to approve the proposal for cleaning the carpets in the auditor’s office, assessor’s office, treasurer’s office, recorder’s office, judge’s chambers, and the prosecutor’s office, seconded by Mark and all agreed. The carpet in the clerk’s office is beyond cleaning. The cleaning will be done after election.

Josh made mention of all of the general maintenance that has had to be done recently and wanted council to consider putting a building maintenance line item back in the budget. Gayle said the general fund budget will reflect this for 2017.

Bruce asked if there is an amount of money that he can approve for repairs/maintenance and doesn’t have to go to the commissioners for approval.

#5 Switzerland County Emergency Response Building

Steve said they closed today on the old EMS building purchase; it officially belongs to the county now. The locks have been changed and some cleaning and maintenance work needs to be done before the employees move in. Sheriff Hughes has agreed to allow some of his prisoners to help with the process.

Terry Hall came to thank the commissioners for allowing them to use the highway equipment and highway employee, Steve Shackleford, to clean up for the truck/tractor pull they had at the 4H fairgrounds. He said they would like to use the long-arm sometime in the future for more cleanup. Terry said the original 2-wheel drive truck pull began in Vevay years ago. Josh said to just get with Darrell when they are ready.

Mark mentioned that this is the weekend for the “countywide cleanup”; Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at the highway garage. Barry O’Neal, David Shelly, and Dennis Hunt will be working the cleanup.

With no further business to come before the board, Josh made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mark. The meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

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