

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 meeting of December 5th were approved as presented on a motion by Mark, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

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#1 Tom Moore – EMA Director – Advisory Levels

Tom suggested that the county weather advisories be the same as the States'. An advisory would be the lowest level, next a watch, and then the highest/worst level would be a warning. County offices would close when a warning is issued. If there is a watch then the county offices would be on a 2-hour delay.

#2 Dawn Bolton – Dawn's Fitness

Did not appear.

#3 Other Business

Tech building carpet cleaning: The commissioners decided to wait until spring to clean the carpets at the tech building.

JSSCSCC heating/air inspection cost: Comfort Systems had a proposal for \$1,157.00 to remove, inspect and clean the burners on the 6 furnaces at the senior center. They are to inspect the heat exchangers, install new traps on the condensate lines and make recommendations for repairs. Mark made a motion to approve the proposal, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

Fitness program: The county council had approved \$15,000.00 for the fitness program. After some discussion, Josh made a motion to give the YMCA \$10,000.00 and \$5,000.00 to Dawn's Fitness. Josh stated that Dawn's Fitness is open 24/7 and this will allow county employees that have work schedule conflicts that prevent them from using the YMCA to have access to fitness equipment.

Eric Cole, YMCA CEO, was present and stated that he and the YMCA board were working on the YMCA being open 24/7. They will issue key fobs to members who sign the appropriate paperwork. Cameras are being installed and hardware costs are being sought. This would allow the use of the upstairs wellness room and the gym; the pool would not be available. He also had a list of county employees who visit the YMCA.

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Other Business cont'd

Fitness program cont'd:

Jim Thompson asked how many county employees use the YMCA. Rosemary Bovard asked if the pool would be available after hours: no. Mark seconded the motion and all agreed.

Eric will need to contact the YMCA board before signing a contract. Dawn's Fitness will be paid quarterly.

Cupola and upper porch cleaning: There were 3 proposals: Indiana Restoration for \$6,300.00, ERJO for \$6,075.00, and Service Pro for \$9,485.00. After some discussion, Josh made a motion to accept the Indiana Restoration proposal even though it was not the lowest bid. He stated that the proposal was more descriptive of the cleaning and filtration process. The motion was seconded by Mark and all agreed.

Lighting contract: The council approved paying for the Light Tech proposal to replace the various lights with LED lights in county buildings that have Duke Energy as the electricity provider. This will be paid out of Cum Cap funds. Josh made a motion to accept the bid to replace the lights in certain county buildings, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

EDC move to tech building: Josh stated he had spoken with Jon Bond, of EDC, about how much it would cost to have him move into the tech building. The highest estimate is \$17,000.00. The rooms are completely bare, carpet needs installed, internet and phone connections are needed, and the room needs painted. No action was taken at this time.

Mark addressed the reason he voted for Dawn's Fitness; he wants to try this for a year and see if employees do take advantage of being able to use the fitness rooms.

Jim Thompson asked to have zoning maps and the comprehensive plans; Bruce is to get them to him.

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 5:37 p.m.

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