

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, Jerry Monjar, and Josh South, the sheriff, Nathan Hughes, the county attorney, Wil Goering, the auditor, Gayle Rayles, and the commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams.

The minutes of the previous meeting of February 21st, were approved as presented on a motion by Mark, seconded by Jerry and all agreed.

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#1 Shane Turner – Road Closure – Cutter Road

Wil gave Mr. Turner the instructions on what the process is to close a county road including filing a petition and scheduling a public hearing. The commissioners want to make sure no one is land locked.

#2 Dave Muncey – CenturyLink – Phone System at the Clinic

Josh had spoken with Marty Hankins, county IT, and Dave Muncey about what needs to be done to fix the problems. At the last commissioners meeting the following proposals were tabled. Marty is to run 20 drop lines at a cost of \$1,100.00 and CenturyLink is to install a cabinet and do the necessary connections at a cost of \$3,153.42. Jerry made a motion to accept the agreements, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

#3 William Wright – Trash on Tapps Ridge Road

Mr. Wright had a complaint about property on Tapps Ridge Road in regards to trash and junk. He had filled out a complaint form on February 22, 2017. There was a discussion about what action the county will take and the time limits that are listed in the trash ordinance. Josh stated that 30 days after a complaint is filed the county will take action. There is another complaint form filed on February 21, 2017 from another resident concerning the same property. Wil told Mr. Wright that if there are health issues he should contact the county health department.

#4 Highway Department

Darrell Keith, highway supervisor, reported that the engineering proposals for Bridges #8 and #35 have been sent and to advertise for the repairs needed on Bridge #26. Pat Conner, from Janssen and Spaans, will be here next week to inspect Spring Branch and Markland Pike roads.

Darrell also wanted to thank the fire departments for their assistance in helping with the cleanup after the storm last week. Jerry thanked the highway department for a “job well done”.

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Highway Department cont'd

Jerry spoke about trees on Scotts Ridge at the tower site that may fall on the road. Darrell will check on this site. Jerry said that our highway department also helped the state highway department on SR156.

#5 Other Business

Storm damage: Josh stated that he had spoken with Tom Moore, EMA director, and Tom had contacted the National Weather Service for their opinion as to whether or not the storm damage was from a tornado. Representatives from the National Weather Service have been here and surveyed the damage. They advised the damage was caused by straight-line winds and microbursts.

Seal the county-owned buildings parking lots: There was discussion about the last time these lots were sealed. This was tabled until Bruce checks.

Health Department floors: There was a discussion about the floors but was tabled on a motion by Mark, seconded by Jerry and all agreed. There was discussion at the last meeting about obtaining a buffer.

Tech Building Corporation: Josh said that the tech building corporation is moving forward with the refinancing.

Road ordinance: Wil spoke about changes to the road cut ordinance. A change was made from engineer to highway supervisor may approve small projects. The Board of Commissioners are to approve large projects. Mark stated he has studied the ordinance and made a motion to approve it, seconded by Jerry and all agreed.

EERSD board appointment: There was only 1 applicant, Tina Miller. Mark made a motion to appoint Tina Miller to the East Enterprise Regional Sewer District board, seconded by Jerry and all agreed. There will be a lot of activity in the future for this board.

Cooler bids: Wil opened 3 bids for the coolers stored at the Markland Business Park:

1. Daren Woods - \$1,000.00
2. Errol Judy - \$ 700.00
3. Jim Stewart - \$1,160.00

Jerry made a motion to accept Jim Stewart's bid of \$1,160.00, seconded by Mark and all agreed. Josh made a motion to donate the proceeds to the Manna Project for the food pantry, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

Landscaping bids: Wil opened 2 bids for the courthouse landscaping maintenance:

1. Grassman Lawn Care Unlimited - \$6,200.00
2. McCreary Lawn Care - \$6,030.00

The commissioners reviewed the specifications for this project and decided that Grassman gave greater details on the work that will be done. Jerry made a motion to accept Grassman's bid of \$6,200.00, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

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Other Business cont'd

Push mowers: The commissioners had quotes for 2 push mowers to be used at the JSSCSCC building and the SCER building: 1. Bowling Farm Equipment for \$199.00 each and 2. Lowes for \$199.00. Mark made a motion to buy locally from Bowling Farm Equipment, seconded by Jerry and all agreed.

Disposal of old computers: Aaron Bell, of SEIRD, is to be contacted about getting rid of several old computers.

New phone system vendor: The contract with CenturyLink will expire in October of this year. CenturyLink owns the equipment. Discussion followed about getting proposals from different telephone providers; instead of companies coming to a meeting first to introduce themselves. Coming first is not necessary.

Updates: Josh said the tech building corporation met upstairs in the jury room at 5:00 p.m. today.

A letter has been sent to Jeff-Craig Fire Department to come on board as an ambulance back up for the county. The county would purchase their equipment if an agreement is reached.

The gaming bill is in the Senate. The proposed cuts have been reduced. The Held Harmless will not be touched.

Josh said he had spoken with Marty Hankins in regards to the NMC internet and Marty suggested that the best thing to do is switch from DSL that costs \$99.00 a month to cable at a cost of \$49.00 a month. Mark made a motion to approve the change, seconded by Jerry and all agreed.

Mark spoke about the overdose problem in the county and what could be done; a short discussion followed.

Rosemary Bovard asked if trail cameras could be used to identify people who drop trash along the county roads. Wil stated that this is a law enforcement issue. She also wanted to thank the sheriff's department for the work the jail trustees have been doing.

With no further business to come before the board, Mark made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Jerry and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

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