

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

The meeting was opened by president, Mark Lohide, with the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the March 19, 2018 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Josh, seconded by Jerry and all agreed.

Josh made a motion to approve the claims; seconded by Jerry and all agreed.

**#1 Sara Dickerson - Hummel Insurance Renewal**

The county's insurance policies are up for renewal on April 20, 2018. Sara reviewed Hummel's proposal for renewal. The premium is increasing 1% over the current policy. Sara sited the significant reasons:

- The county had approximately \$319,000.00 in claims in the last 12 months
- Two new vehicles added during last year, premiums were waived until the next full year of coverage
- The sheriff's dept. golf cart has been added
- The medical liability coverage is being increased from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00
- EMS vehicles were added last year, premiums were waived until the next full year of coverage
- Brit Insurance Group was the best coverage for the best price
- Total Cost - \$149,459.00
- Cyber liability of \$1 million was added for a premium of \$2,424.00
- Law quote down due to reduced population in the jail
- Darrell and Nathan are to review the list of vehicles for accuracy before the April 16, 2018 meeting when the policy will be approved

**#2 John Kniola - Parks**

John reported that the DNR turned down the grant request for funds for sediment removal at Bryant's Creek due to it not being a permanent fix. They feel the natural flow of the creek will continue to deposit sediment in the area. The application for sediment removal at the Turtle Creek Harbor was approved.

The commissioners have not located an existing ordinance that prohibits semi-trailers from parking in the parks' lots. Josh explained that they had just received the ordinance codification binders and had not had a chance to review them.

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**#3 Other Business**

- a. Moorefield-Bennington Sewer District Ordinance: Wil wrote an ordinance to allow the county to charge property owners for damage to the sewer district equipment caused by "recklessness or intentional conduct". The new ordinance includes an amendment to the original ordinance correcting the billing dates and the monthly fee. This was to be the second reading.

Wil presented the commissioners with an example of commercial rates that could be part of the revised ordinance. The commissioners agreed to have this added, specifying that not-for-profit organizations would not be subject to the commercial rates. Jerry made a motion to table the final approval of the revised ordinance; Josh seconded the motion and all agreed.

Mark said it was time for the semi-annual maintenance at the Moorefield and Bennington sites. A discussion followed:

- We do not have the equipment at this time to do the maintenance ourselves
- Hiring King's Trucking (Lonny Harris) to do the work
- What equipment is needed - something to haul water, a sprayer and hose
- Time needed to do the work - Wesley estimated a week and he would need Bert to help him part of the time
- Mark offered his side-by-side to haul the water until the county acquires what is needed to do the job ourselves
- Wesley to get pricing on equipment for the April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting

- b. Animal Shelter Gates: Jerry and Mark met with Keli at the shelter to look at the cages. There are some cages inside that cannot be used due to the condition of the gates. Jerry was in favor of replacing the gates. Mark said he would like to do the project in two phases: the inside gates to be replaced first and the outside gates in the future. Josh said his opinion has not changed.

Keli said there are an equal number of cages inside and outside so the price would be half of the estimate - \$8,380.00. She said there is a one-year warranty on the gates. They are custom fitted for each cage and would be bolted into six-inch cinder blocks. They are galvanized woven wire instead of the chain link as in the existing gates. They will be two inches off the floor. The price includes flat-rate shipping and installation. The gates will be paid for out of the shelter's donation fund.

Jerry made a motion to replace the inside gates; Mark seconded the motion and the motion passed two to one with Josh voting against the motion.

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c. Recycling: The commissioners considered a quote from Rumpke for a six-yard recycling dumpster to be used by the courthouse and jail. The dumpster is to be emptied every other week at \$40.00 per pick up. Mark has been speaking to Aaron Bell regarding getting recycling containers from Solid Waste. Mark made a motion to get the recycling dumpster from Rumpke, if it is available on a temporary bases. Jerry seconded the motion and the motion passed two to one with Josh voting against the motion.

d. Miscellaneous:

Josh said that the Highway Dept. would be inspecting Plum Creek Tuesday and doing some necessary repairs.

Wesley said Indiana Restoration wants a final walk-thru to go over the punch list.

Mark gave an update on Bridge #35 and reminded everyone of the Spring Clean-Up coming up on April 20, 21 and 22 from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 (or until the dumpsters are full).

Mark had a mission statement from the county veteran service officer, Duane Covington. He would like to establish a Veteran's Council in the county. This would be the first one. Sometime in the future, Duane is hoping to provide transportation for veterans who need it.

Gayle had a claim for payment on Bridge #3 for \$70,852.68. Josh made a motion to pay the claim; Jerry seconded and all agreed.

Gayle had a Statement of Loss related to the recent courthouse damage from the insurance company for Mark to sign.

Josh said that Jon Bond wants to meet with one or more commissioner over the next weeks. The consensus was that Josh attend the initial meeting(s) and the other commissioners could meet with him, if necessary or they could have a special commissioners meeting and all meet together.

There was a discussion on Bridge #12 at Plum Creek and Sadie Green Rd. School Buses are not allowed to use the bridge due to its poor condition. Josh explained that they are working off a replacement plan and it is due for replacement in the near future, provided nothing comes in with a higher priority when the new inspections are done. The county will be basing the future schedule for paving, chip and seal, maintenance and bridge replacement on the asset management plan to be received from GRW.

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With no further business to come before the board, Josh made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jerry, and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor  
Switzerland County, Indiana

