

**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 Josh South and Jerry Monjar, county attorney, Wil Goering, county auditor, Gayle Rayles and the commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams. Mark Lohide was absent due to a commitment at work.

The meeting was opened by Vice President, Josh South, with the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the April 2, 2018 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Jerry, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

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

**#1 Kerry McConnell - SIRPC - Rehab Program**

Kerry said she had come to ask about the possibility of doing another owner-occupied rehab grant. SIRPC has ten property owners on the waiting list for the next grant cycle in Switzerland County. Typically the number of households that are assisted is 14 and some of those who received assistance during the last grant could qualify for additional benefits.

The maximum amount of the grant is \$350,000.00. Due to the fact that the county had applied in the last five years no matching funds are required. However, without a match the county would lose points in the application process. A match from the county puts the points back. She suggested the county apply for a USDA grant. The county received \$11,000.00 from the USDA the last time and if the county receive funds from them this time, the money can go toward the match.

The commissioners suggested Kerry attend the next council meeting and ask for them to consider the grant and the possibility of matching funds.

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

The county's insurance policies are up for renewal on April 20, 2018. Sara said Darrell and Brian had both reviewed the vehicle and equipment lists and had no changes. The van that had been in question was an old ambulance that the county uses as a tool truck.

The annual premium is \$149,459.00. Josh said that he'd spoken to Mark, who is good with the proposal. Jerry made a motion to accept the quote from Hummel Insurance; Josh seconded the motion, and all agreed.

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**#3 Keli Gabbard - Use of the Tech Building During Fair Week**

Keli said the fair board would like to move the Homemakers into the community building for this year's fair and they are asking permission to use the tech building for their cats, pocket pets and Silly Safari judging. Josh said he was not comfortable with having animals in the building and Jerry agreed. No action was taken.

**#4 Other Business:**

- a. Moorefield-Bennington Sewer District Ordinance: This was the second reading of the ordinance. There is a change to the original ordinance allowing the county to charge property owners for "any damage to equipment belonging to the county that is part of the Moorefield-Bennington Eco-Treatment Project caused by the reckless or intentional conduct of the occupant of any property within the service area of the project".

Exhibit A has a change adding item 2: "The rate for multi-family structure connections or on a commercial structure connection shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per month".

- b. County Parks parking ordinance: Josh said there does not appear to be an existing ordinance that prohibits big rigs from parking in lots that are part of the county's parks. Wil will write an ordinance to that effect.
- c. FRSD board appointment - Hatton: Clifford Hatton's Florence Regional Sewer District board appoint is up. He sent a letter expressing his interest in remaining on the board. After a short discussion the commissioners decided to advertise the opening in the paper as they have other board openings. Bruce will try to get this in the paper this week and next so that the decision can be made at the commissioners' May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- d. Economic Development: Josh said that he had volunteered to meet with Jon Bond regarding the Economic Development operations. Due to the short time between now and the end of May, when Jon is leaving his position as director, and the amount of information, he felt it might be better to have a firm or individual meet with Jon and make recommendations to the county on our options. Josh asked Gayle to contact Jacque Clements, with AIC, to see if she might have recommendations on who to contact.

It was suggested that the council and commissioners have a joint meeting with Jon and the Economic Development Board.

- e. Bridge #35 Claim: Jerry made a motion to approved Claim #4 for \$88,623.60 on Bridge #35. Josh seconded the motion and all agreed.

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Other Business cont'df. Miscellaneous:

- ❖ Community Crossing Grant: Josh said that there was a problem with the Community Crossing Grant for asphalt work on Plum Creek and Pleasant Grove roads. The grant was originally approved but when submitting the paperwork, the State took exception with the process the county used to award the work. The county used quotes and the State requires bids. The bids include an additional form that is not required when doing a quote. The cost the county will be responsible for is \$280,000.00 more than anticipated.
- ❖ Patriot Fire Department Audit: Elizabeth Thomas asked if the commissioners could give her some direction on how to get an audit of the Patriot Fire Department records. She was advised to have the Town of Patriot's attorney ask the State for an audit. She said this had already been done but no audit has been scheduled.

It is the responsibility of a municipality to provide fire protection and Patriot needs a contract with a provider. There was a discussion on asking Posey Fire Dept. to provide coverage.

Josh explained that at this time, the Patriot Fire Dept. is not receiving any money from the Fire Chiefs' Association. The county does not pay any of the fire departments directly. All money goes thru the Association.

- ❖ Town of Patriot Cleanup Ordinance: There was a discussion regarding enforcing the Town of Patriot's Clean-Up Ordinance. The Town needs their own enforcement officer. It was suggested that the Town's attorney might send letters to those in violation and see if they get a response since the Town has no enforcement officer at this time.
- ❖ Agreement Signatures: Josh asked Wil if the commissioners sign every agreement regardless of who has control over it. Wil confirmed that this is the situation. There was a discussion on the MOU's for Casino Revenue distributions.

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With no further business to come before the board, Jerry made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Josh, and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

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Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor  
Switzerland County, Indiana