

SPECIAL MEETING - MONDAY AT 6:20 P.M.

The Switzerland County Board of Commissioners met in a special session pursuant to law and by being duly advertised.

Those present: commissioners: Mark Lohide, Josh South and Jerry Monjar, the auditor Gayle Rayles, and the commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams.

The meeting was opened by Board President Mark Lohide with the pledge of allegiance.

Mark explained that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss plans for 2018 highway department projects.

#1 - 2018 Road Plan

Gayle provided spreadsheets that gave the amount of money out of each fund the highway department controls that is available for projects.

Items discussed:

- Josh recommended using 80% of the available money to fund projects for 2018 which would be approximately \$2 million
- Community Crossing Grants will be applied for, but not considered in the amounts for projects since there is no guarantee of how much the county will receive
- Paving - cost for 2018 \$86,000.00 per road mile
- Paving N Branch Rd. - approximately 3 miles - estimated cost \$258,000.00
- Chip and seal the same amount as last year - estimated cost \$200,000.00
- Rehab Bridge #4 (Fairview Rd.) - estimated cost \$350,000.00
- Skip Bridge #26 (Log Lick) for the time being
- Replace Bridge #10 (Jackson Rd.) - estimated cost \$380,000.00
- Postpone replacement of Bridge #12 (Plum Creek) until 2019
- Allensville Bridge - wing wall has fallen
- After the new tractors are paid for, and using the estimated cost of the bridges, chip and seal and paving, there should be about \$500,000.00 for slip repairs
- Having some of the slip repairs done by contractors rather than in house
- Prioritizing the slips
 - Markland Pike - highest priority
 - Scotts Ridge
 - Bennington Pike
 - Grants Creek
 - Spring Branch
- Darrell to contact contractors regarding estimates on slip repairs

#2 - New Hire

Josh made a motion to hire Eddie Haskell to fill the open position at the highway garage; Mark seconded the motion and the motion passed with a vote of 2 to 1 with Jerry voting against.

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#3 - Other Business

- ❖ Jerry said he had been approached about maintaining Carroll Turner Road. There are now five to six residents on the road and the post office requires delivery to each household. The commissioners explained that the ordinance we have requires the residents to get the road up to county standards and then maintain it for one year before they will consider taking over the maintenance.

- ❖ Wesley said that the county is three months behind on maintenance at the Moorefield-Bennington Sewer District sites. He provided the commissioners with an equipment list for what is needed for him to do the work instead of hiring King's Trucking/Lonny Harris to do the work. He fears that, if we wait much longer, we will be getting calls that the pumps are not working and pump replacement would be expensive. There was discussion on contacting Vevay Main Street about purchasing some of their equipment. Josh will reach out to one of their board members.

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 7:50 p.m.

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