

**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 and Josh South, county auditor, Gayle Rayles and the commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams. Jerry Monjar was absent.

The meeting was opened by president, Mark Lohide and Josh South led the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the August 6, 2018 regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Josh, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

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

**#1 Jeff Brewer - Ramsey Rd**

Jeff Brewer owns property at the end of Ramsey Road. The road dead ends at his property and he is asking for permission to put up a gate at the property line along the road. People are dropping trash on his land and unauthorized people are using his property for their quad runners. He is the only property owner on that part of the road, so no other owners would be effected.

There was a discussion on declaring the road as unmaintained. The commissioners asked Darrell to check it out and get back with them.

**#2 Tourism - Use of Courthouse Parking Lot:**

Tourism is asking to use the parking lot on the north side of the courthouse for their Sleepy Hollow event on October 13<sup>th</sup>. They plan to put an ice skating rink and bounce house on the lot. There was a discussion on them setting up on Friday after the courthouse closes.

They were reminded that we need a certificate of insurance naming the county as an additional insured for the event.

Josh made a motion to allow Tourism use of the parking lot on October 13<sup>th</sup>, Mark seconded the motion and all agreed.

**#3 Other Business**

**A. Engineering Design Proposals for Bridge 10 & 12:**

- Bridge 10 bids:
  - i. Janssen & Spaans Eng. Inc. \$69,800.00 plus \$2,250.00 per parcel for right-a ways
  - ii. Civil Con Design 25,280.00
  - iii. FPBH 38,700.00 less 1,000.00 if they get both bids
  - iv. Landwater Group 60,500.00

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Other Business (continued)Engineering Design Proposals for Bridge 10 & 12 cont'd:

- Bridge 12 bids:
  - i. Janssen & Spaans Eng. Inc. \$69,800.00 plus \$2,250.00 per parcel for right-a ways
  - ii. Civil Con Design 28,280.00
  - iii. FPBH 39,500.00 less 1,000.00 if they get both bids
  - iv. Landwater Group 67,800.00

Darrell pointed out that the Civil Con bid was for us to use their product which is a concrete arch structure as opposed to a conventional bridge with beams and poured concrete.

After reviewing the bids, Josh made a motion to accept the Civil Con bids for both Bridge #10 on Jackson Road and Bridge #12 on Plum Creek; Mark seconded the motion and all agreed.

- B. Third reading of Parking Ordinance: Mark read Ordinance 7-1-18 "Prohibiting the Parking of Commercial Vehicles in County Parks". Violations of the ordinance will be considered a Class C infraction and subject to a fine. Josh made a motion to approve the ordinance; Mark seconded the motion and all agreed. Darrell is to get signage for all locations.
- C. Tractor Bid Acceptance Form Signatures: Mark signed the official form accepting the bids for the new tractors.
- D. Commissary Report: The commissioners reviewed the Commissary Report provided by the Sheriff. Gayle said that it is a state requirement that the report be provided semi-annually for review.
- E. Josh said he had advised Mark Archer to contact Wil regarding zoning policy enforcement.
- F. Josh brought up the ongoing situation with Switz. Co. Economic Development (SCED). He said the commissioners are working on forming a committee consisting of a few individual to make recommendations for the direction of SCED in the future. These people will be outside of government. The number one thing right now is to have a way to take care of the daily activities and make sure all of the reports and filings are done.
- Josh made a motion to contract with SCED thru the end of the year in order to stay compliant with all legal requirements; Mark seconded the motion and all agreed.
- G. Darrell said that in order to qualify for Community Crossing Grants the county will need a Pavement Asset Management Plan and a Bridge Asset Management Plan. The Pavement Plan is already in place. Josh made a motion to hire USI Consultants to do the Bridge Asset Management Plan for an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00; Mark seconded the motion and all agreed.

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Other Business (continued):

- H. Darrell gave an update on chip and seal. He also said that he still did not have any official responses for slip repairs from the contractors he'd contacted.
- I. Mark said that the "County Wide Fall Clean Up" will be September 21st, 22nd and 23rd.
- J. The gazebo painting is almost complete. Only the floor remains and that should be done in time for the Wine Festival. There is a request to use the gazebo for a wedding in October.
- K. The gates at the shelter have been installed; that project is finished. Wesley took care of some lighting at the shelter.
- L. Mark read a letter from Lawrence Chukwu with FEMA commending Carla on her excellent work. The application for reimbursement from FEMA turned into a very large project. Now Carla is working on Community Crossing Grants. Mark addressed the two county council members who were present about a pay increase for Carla. He was told to attend the next council meeting.
- M. Wanda Benzing, the new member on the Patriot Town Council, asked about ordinance enforcement to clean up property in Patriot. Josh explained that the county would not have jurisdiction in this matter and she should contact their attorney, Jud McMillan.
- N. Nancy Peters, Sarah Headen, and Saundra Adams with the Nurse Managed Clinic, were present to discuss the ongoing problems with the clinic receiving insurance payments that should have gone to the Emergency Unit. There was a discussion on Ambulance Billing having access to the system the clinic uses. Saundra has contacted the service she uses and been told that this is not permissible, due to the confidential information they would have access to. Wil will be sending a letter to Mr. Freeman, with Ambulance Billing, requiring him to attend a meeting with the commissioners and the clinic board.

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

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