

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, Steve Lyons, and Josh South, the sheriff, Nathan Hughes, the auditor, Gayle Rayles, and the commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams. Attorney Wil Goering was absent.

The meeting was opened by Nathan who also led the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting of August 3rd were approved as presented on a motion by Mark, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

The claims were approved as presented on a motion by Josh, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

#1 Landon Mowry – National Insurance Services (Long-term Disability and Life)

Mr. Mowry distributed information about his company's insurance coverage and spoke about life insurance, disability insurance, identity theft insurance, and group rates. The commissioners gave him permission to work with the auditor's office to quote the employees life insurance that the county pays for.

#2 Highway Department

Darrell Keith, the highway department supervisor, gave a report about the chip and seal work. Turtle Creek Road and Little Hominy Ridge Road have been completed. Scotts Ridge Road and Log Lick Road will be completed tomorrow, August 18th. They will start on Tapps Ridge Road and Popcorn Ridge Road next.

Bennington Pike Bridge #5: The approaches for the bridge have been paved. The guard rails are being installed. The Bridge should be open for traffic on Wednesday, August 19, 2015. Steve said that he had discussed some issues with landowner, Pam Reed.

Spreader quotes: Darrell reminded the commissioners about spreader quotes. The quotes he has are about 6 months old. He will get current pricing.

Bennington Pike Bridge #5: Josh asked about a time frame for inspection of the bridge. It has to be inspected within 90 days.

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Highway Department cont'd

Other issues:

1. Markland Pike repairs were discussed.
2. Hiring out work on Markland Pike was discussed.
3. Repairs and the warranty for the long-arm were discussed. Steve is to contact Brown's Implement tomorrow in reference to repair work and the warranty.
4. Steve has spoken with INDOT and John Schroer about widening the North Drive entry at SR156. Mr. Schroer will reimburse the county for this work.
5. There was discussion on who owns and needs to maintain the ditch on Turnpike Street.

#3 Other Business

Gravel for the islands at the annex: After some discussion the commissioners decided to use rock that matched the rock that is next to the building.

Dianna South's letter: Steve read Dianna's letter aloud. The letter was a complaint about response time for calls to SCEMS for emergency assistance. The letter is attached.

Vehicle titles: Steve signed the titles for 2 old county vehicles that are to be sold by sealed bid. The vehicles are: a 2003 Dodge Durango and a 2003 Ford Ranger. The vehicles will be advertised in the local paper for 2 weeks.

Highway Clerk position: An executive session and a regular meeting are scheduled for next Wednesday, August 26th, for the appointment of this position and the temporary maintenance position.

Dr. Frede's contract: There was a discussion on the new contract with Dr. Frede. Mark made a motion to approve the contract with one small wording change, which was seconded by Josh and all agreed.

Courthouse repairs: Gayle requested that 2 toilets, in the old section of the courthouse, be replaced due to heavy lime buildup and that a water softener be installed. The drinking fountain in that part of the building does not work either due to lime buildup. Bruce is to get quotes.

Hominy Ridge Road: Bruce asked if the continuation of Hominy Ridge Road is a county road. Darrell said the county has maintained it and there is a school bus turn-around there. He will check and see if a school bus still goes down the road and get more information.

With no further business to come before the board, Mark made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Josh and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

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