

REGULAR MEETING –TUESDAY 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: Jerry Monjar and Jamie Peters and Grant Dean. Auditor Gayle Sullivan.

Grant called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes from the regular meeting on January 2, 2023. Jerry made a motion and Grant second. All in favor.

The claims were approved as presented on a motion by Grant, second by Jerry. Jamie was opposed and will not sign off on any payroll claims until we get a system in place that protects the taxpayers of any kind of fraud.

**#1 Highway Superintendent –**

- January 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> put down brine treatment for upcoming snow on the 6<sup>th</sup>
- Crews put cinders boxes in the truck for upcoming snow
- Had to run broom over Vineyard Rd and Big Doe Rd out to St Rd 129 for removing nails split down the roadway
- Been patching potholes with the dura patcher
- Finished berming on Lower Grants Creek Road and Oatman Hill Rd
- Crews have been removing downed trees back away from edges of the road
- Mechanic has been servicing trucks and equipment
- Dragging gravel roads and covering with gravel
- Been working on bus turn arounds
- Jan 12<sup>th</sup> had to go out and treat the hills with salt and cinders for patches of ice
- We had to order some steel tubing to rebuild the frame work on the salt brine hopper it sets inside a frame and uses hydraulic cylinders to raise it for clean out the frame was rotted out and broke away from hinge point we are in process of putting new frame together now

**#2 Old Business**

- a. **Affordable Care Act-Section 1557-**tabled for the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- b. **ADP-** update-working with Harris for a time and attendance program. We have not scheduled the training as of right now.
- c. **Revision of cell phone ordinance-** tabled for February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**#3 New Business**

- a. **Reorganization:** Grant made a motion to appoint Jamie Peters the commissioners for the year 2024 and Jerry made a second. All in favor. Grant made a motion to appoint Jerry Monjar as the vice president for the commissioners for the year 2024 and Jamie second. All in favor.
- b. **Matt Hocker/Mr. French-** Matt spoke about the change of the ordinance changing the property from Forest Recreation (FR) to Local Business (LB).

Grant made a motion to approve ordinance #1-16-2024 Jerry made a second. All in favor.

c. **John Kniola**- Park news December 26<sup>th</sup> inspected the concession at Markland Park everything was neat and cleaned. State highway cleaned overgrowth at Bryant's Creek. Switzerland county parks has Sady Althoff as secretary/treasurer and John as president. January 2<sup>nd</sup> Patriot town council meeting trying to get Third street cleaned up. Main street camper removed and fence painted. Plum street lawnmower man was fined \$1,000.00 and March 5<sup>th</sup> is his next hearing.

d. **Fast Fire Alarm Systems, LLC**-provides County buildings with fire alarm protection contract. \$7,155.00 for 2/6/24-2/5/25 Grant made a motion to approve contract with Jamie making a second. All in favor.

e. **Gayle Rayles**-Finance Committee Annual Report for 2023-see attached

### **#3 Board Reports**

Jamie - none

Jerry-none.

Grant-none

### **# 4 Announcement**

EMA-Grant made a motion to appoint Jamie as the commissioner representative with Jerry making a second. All in favor.

PAC-Grant made a motion to appoint Jamie as the commissioner representative with Jerry making a second. All in favor.

SIRPC-Grant made a motion to appoint Jerry as the commissioner representative with Jamie making a second. All in favor.

School Endowment Board-Jamie makes a motion to appoint Grant as the commissioner representative with Jerry making a second. All in favor.

SIRD-Jamie made a motion to appoint Jerry as the commissioner representative with Grant making a second. All in favor

SEWB-Jamie made a motion to appoint Grant as the commissioner representative with Jerry making a second. All in favor.

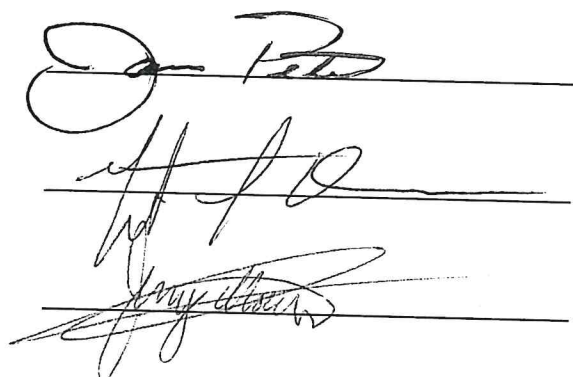
VSCF-Jerry made a motion to appoint Jamie as the commissioner representative with Grant making a second. All in favor.

All of these appointments will be for the year 2024.

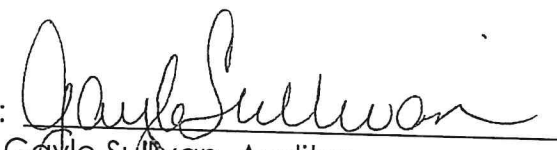
Marissa Lynch contract-Lisa emailed the contract to me so it will be on the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Jamie also spoke about the acknowledgement form. He stated that forms were due on the 5<sup>th</sup> of January. Also, the question was asked if the council and commissioners would sign the form. He said that he had no problem signing the form but didn't have to as an elected official. The next question the was asked if council and commissioner would be available to answer any questions. He said going forward they would be available and if need the county attorney can get involved. Last question was if a new acknowledgement form will be issued if revisions are made and the answer is yes there will be.

With no further business to come before the board, Grant made a motion to adjourn, second by Jerry. All in favor. Meeting ended @ 6:01pm.



Attest:

  
Gayle Sullivan, Auditor  
Switzerland County, Indiana