

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: John Haskell, Mark Lohide, and Steve Lyons, the sheriff, Roy Leap, the county attorney, Wil Goering, the auditor, Gayle Rayles, and the commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams.

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

The minutes were approved on a motion by John with the following correction: Steve requested that the minutes of April 7th in reference to the John McCarren property complaint be corrected to read; the following sentence should be changed in the 3rd paragraph: Brian McAllister surveyed the property. Mark seconded John's motion and all agreed.

The claims were approved on a motion by John, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

#1 Katie Collier – Indian Creek Project Update

Katie presented a quarterly update for the Indian Creek Watershed Project. There are 20 participants. The majority of the available funds have been allocated. They have a list of applicants who may receive project funds if approved improvements come in less than the estimated cost.

#2 Katie Gabbard – Animal Shelter

Keli spoke about various groups and club members who volunteer at the shelter. Some of the volunteers are under the age of 18. Wil stated that the parents need to sign a waiver for anyone volunteering under the age of 18; Wil has the forms. It would be a good idea if all volunteers sign the waiver in order to protect the county.

The signed forms should be sent to the auditor's office. John made a motion to approve the waiver forms, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

#3 Jamie Perry – Exterior Pro

Ms. Perry spoke about the company's roof repair services and previous work that has been completed. She requested to be notified of any projects that her company could place a bid on. The company is located in Madison, Indiana.

#4 Ron Margison – Lost Fork Road

Mr. Margison wanted to know if the section of Lost Fork Road that dead ends on the east side of Braytown Road is a county road.

After discussions about the road and repairs no decision was made. Mark stated he would "look" at the road tomorrow, April 22nd. John and Chris Clerkin, highway department superintendent, will also "look" at the road.

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Connie did not appear.

#6 *Highway Department*

Chris had proposals from GEO Stabilization International for Popcorn Ridge and Atkinson Hill roads. The work and the costs were discussed to repair the slippage on these 2 roads. This was tabled until there could be further discussion.

Bernard Haversperger of FPBH Incorporated presented a proposal for design engineering for Bridge #5 located on Bennington Pike; this is the site work. The total cost would be \$13,600.00. After some discussion John made a motion to approve the proposal cost, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

#7 *Other Business*

1. A thank you letter from Judge Coy was read by Steve in reference to the painting and repair work that was recently completed in the courtroom.
2. *WTH:* WTH has an application for electronic map data from CoreLogic requesting county GIS data that required the commissioners' signatures.
3. *Belterra Minutes:* Steve signed the minutes for the Belterra executive session held on March 19th.
4. *Handicap Access:* Handicap access during meetings was discussed. Gayle suggested the west side door be left unlocked during meeting as this is the side with the handicap ramp. The commissioners agreed by consensus.
5. *Extension Office Resolution:* This is a resolution celebrating the Extension Office being in existence for 100 years. John made a motion to sign the resolution, seconded by Mark and all agreed.
6. *FRSD Board Member:* A form to reappoint Patty Chase to the Florence Regional Sewer District Board was signed by the commissioners. They also agreed to the FRSD putting a link on the county website.
7. John suggested that Detour Road be closed and made a dead end in the middle. This suggestion was made instead of replacing a bridge. No action was taken at this time.
8. There was a discussion on signage for directions to the golf course out at Quercus Grove.
9. Steve suggested an additional form to go with the trash ordinance complaint that outlines the steps involved after a complaint is filed. Wil is to work on this.

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With no further business to come before the board, John made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mark and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Attest: _____

Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor
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