

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 county attorney, Wil Goering, the county sheriff, Roy Leap, 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 of the previous meeting of June 17th were approved as presented on a motion by Steve and seconded by John. (Mark abstained as he was not at the last meeting.)

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

#1 Atty. Ron Hocker – Joint Venture with the County

Did not appear.

#2 Eric Cole – YMCA Contract

Did not appear.

#3 Richard Adams – Veteran Service Officer – Office Telephone

Richard requested that the commissioners provide a telephone and internet line for his office at the Markland Center. Nancy Craig, of the auditor's office, will contact the telephone company.

#4 Connie Wallace – EMA Grant Signatures

Connie presented District 9 grants for the commissioners to sign. The grants were signed and a 15-minute (approximately) discussion followed concerning Switzerland County being the fiscal agent for District 9. Connie will inform the District at their next meeting and find out any details that the county needs to be made aware of.

#5 Terry Hall – County Resident - York Township

Mr. Hall spoke to the commissioners about an idea he has for the picking up of trash along county roads. This followed a discussion concerning cost, equipment, man-power, insurance and liability.

Mr. Hall said he would contact various organizations in the county to see if they would contribute to this project. He will attend another meeting in the future. He thought the cost would be approximately \$58,000.00 per year.

(For clarification purposes, Mr. Hall is not Councilman Terry Hall.)

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#6 Highway Department

The parts for the distributor equipment will soon be available.

A couple of batteries have been stolen from the excavator.

#7 County Attorney

Mark made a motion to continue Wil Goering's contract for 6 more months as county attorney, to finish out 2013, seconded by Steve and all agreed. John thanked Wil for his excellent advice to the board.

#8 Animal Shelter Durango

There was a discussion about if/what kind of vehicle to obtain for the animal shelter. The cost is too great to fix the Durango they currently have.

Steve stated he would attend a council meeting to request funding; possibly for a new vehicle.

#9 Courthouse Lawn Mower Bids

The following bids were presented before the commissioners:

Bowling Farm Equipment - \$ 5,599.99

Brown's Implement - \$ 11,250.00

Brown's Implement - \$ 8,950.00

The Bowling Farm Equipment bid was accepted on a motion by Steve, seconded by John and all agreed.

#10 Tourism Board Appointments

Two board members resigned from the tourism board. A newspaper ad will be run for two weeks seeking applicants.

#11 Weed and Rank Vegetation Ordinance

Wil explained the Weed and Rank Vegetation ordinance. John made the motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

#12 Unsafe Building Ordinance

There was an explanation of the Unsafe Building ordinance. John made the motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Steve and all agreed.

#13 Executive Session

The executive session will be held on July 15th at 4:00 p.m. before the regular meeting at 5:00 p.m.

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#14 Buggy Ordinance

Wil is working on the buggy ordinance.

#15 Amish Building Permits

Wil explained the state regulations on exemptions from building permits. If a person builds their own home no permit is required. Work done on a house by a contractor requires a permit. All septic systems or privies require a permit.

Mark Helt, county sanitarian, initiated a discussion regarding enforcing the rules for privies.

#16 Tree Removal

John made a motion to have Bovard & Leap Excavating remove the dead tree on the west side of the courthouse, seconded by Mark and the motion passed with Steve abstaining.

#17 Other Business

1. *Trash Removal Ordinance:* Wil is to work on this ordinance.
2. *Grants Creek Mitigation:* Wil updated the commissioners on this issue. They are considering a preservation easement on the creek behind the local high school. The monitoring is to be done by the park board or the highway department.
3. *Tech Center Advertising:* John asked that Mike Busch attend the next meeting and update them on the advertizing that he talked about at a previous meeting.
4. *Markland Center Sign:* The commissioners asked Jon Bond, of the EDC, about signage at the Markland Center to let the public know what entities are located in the building and what times they are open. Jon is working on this.
5. *Trash Removal Contract:* Steve asked about the trash removal contract the county has with Rumpke.
6. *OVL D Cleanup Status:* Rosemary Bovard asked about the status of the OVL D cleanup; it is on hold for a short time. The gentleman involved had a death in the family.
7. *Nurse Practitioner:* Rosemary also asked about the new Nurse Practitioner.
8. *Bennington Sewer Site:* She told the commissioners that there has been an issue at the Bennington Sewer Site; Lonnie Harris is working on this.
9. *Florence Regional Sewer District:* Steve said he is planning on attending the next meeting of the Florence Regional Sewer District before he has a meeting with the board of the East Enterprise Sewer District.

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With no further business to come before the board, Mark made a motion to adjourn, seconded by John and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

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