

**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, 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 of the previous meeting of August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Mark, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

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**#1 Keli Gabbard - Animal Shelter Veterinary Services**

Keli gave the commissioners a price comparison sheet for Dr. Parker of the Carroll County Animal Clinic and Dr. Walton of the Rising Sun Veterinary Clinic. Keli requested that Dr. Parker be a "back-up vet" for Dr. Walton. The commissioners agreed to this by consensus.

A discussion followed concerning the cost of dog transfers and the cost to prepare a dog for a transfer. No fees are collected if the animals are transported elsewhere. Fees are only collected if the animals are adopted locally.

**#2 Katie Collier - Indian Creek Watershed Project Update**

Katie gave the commissioners her quarterly update on the Indian Creek Watershed Project. The report showed the projects that had been completed and that \$58,061.44 had been paid out of \$202,000.00. Some of the projects are as follows: fencing, cover crops, forage plantings, watering facilities and etc.

There is a waiting list of applicants if the approved projects take less money than estimated and there is money available for additional grants.

**#3 Danny Cupp - Cotton Township Properties**

Mr. Cupp and his wife have purchased Lake Geneva in Cotton Township. There is property owned by Jordan Allen that needs cleaned up. The commissioners advised him to contact Mark Archer, of Planning and Zoning, with the property complaint. Steve gave Mr. Cupp a complaint form to fill out and take to Mark.

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**#4 Highway Department**

The commissioners signed a document from INDOT for an unofficial detour for work that has to be done on SR250. Wil suggested the county video tape the county road used for the detour in case there is damage done during the INDOT work. Josh made the motion to sign the letter of understanding, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

Steve spoke about INDOT work on SR156 near the Ohio County line that will start in November. Antioch Road would be used as an unofficial detour.

Salt bids were discussed.

Mark made a motion to hire Darrell Keith as the interim highway department superintendent, seconded by Josh and all agreed. Darrell needs to give his current employer a 2 week notice.

**#5 Other Business**

1. Annex Generator: Steve advised that the generator is now operating correctly. Denzil Cutter has located a source for straight #2 diesel (no bio-diesel). Mitch Barnes should change the fuel filters regularly.
2. Cook Stove: Peg Ehlers, of the extension office, has requested the cook stove in the courthouse basement, which originally came from them, be moved to the annex kitchen. This would be used for cooking (canning) classes. Bert Allen has a stove to place in the courthouse basement that he will donate.

Wiring for the stove will need to be done at the annex. Mark made a motion to move the stove to the annex, seconded by Josh, but added this was for the stove only and not for any extra expenses. The motion carried.

Rosemary Bovard, of the audience, asked about the liability. Wil stated there would be liability coverage.

3. Veteran Ordinance: There was a request for an ordinance/resolution regarding veteran treatment for TBI and/or PTSD. This was tabled until the next meeting.
4. EWP Funding: Bruce gave the commissioners a document showing that EWP funding will be provided for two sites, the funds are a 75% reimbursement grant for the Bridge #66 and Popcorn Ridge Road sites. The commissioners signed the document. FPBH will be assisting the county with the necessary paperwork.
5. County Road Repairs: The commissioners discussed Adkinson Hill Road repairs and the work that has been done on Markland Pike and Mellock Road. The specs should be available on September 3<sup>rd</sup> for Adkinson Hill Road. Markland Pike needs to have pothole repairs done.

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**#6 Connie Wallace - EMA - Radio Replacement**

Connie Wallace discussed the following topics:

- A. The cost of radios/update or replacement.
- B. Who should receive the new or updated radios?
- C. Connie should have \$35,000.00 available in grant money by October.
- D. Connie should only need to buy radios for EMA and the highway department.

**#7 Bert Allen - Job Description Change**

Bert, courthouse custodian, informed the commissioners of his various duties and requested a job description name change that would be more appropriate for the work he performs. No action was taken.

**#8 Food Pantry**

Josh asked about an update on the Food Pantry. There will be one more food distribution this month. After that the Quercus Grove Food Pantry will be disbanded/finished. The Jeff-Craig Fire Department will store the remaining items.

Pam Acton advised that there is a meeting this coming Friday at 11:30 a.m. with the Free Store Food Bank to discuss food distribution in the county. The current plans are for a mobile unit to be used.

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 6:20 p.m.

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 Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor  
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