

SPECIAL MEETING – MONDAY AT 5:00 P.M.

The Switzerland County Board of Commissioners met in special 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.

Mark had a question about mileage claims and after some discussion with the auditor; Josh made a motion to approve the claims. The motion was seconded by Steve and Mark voted "nay".

#1 Connie Wallace – EMA Director Applications

Connie did not appear.

#2 Randy See – EMS 2015 Contract

The commissioners requested at the last meeting that the EMS contract include the wording that the EMS provide a quarterly report that detailed how the money from the county was spent. Randy submitted a document for the commissioners to sign that spelled out this change to their contract. Mark made a motion to sign the contract, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

#3 Highway Department

Darrell Keith, interim highway superintendent, advised the commissioners that the Popcorn Ridge Road repairs have been completed.

500 tons of salt has been delivered to the highway garage.

The new pick-up truck is being outfitted for a radio and lights in Carrollton, Kentucky.

Parham Excavating's \$103,000.00 invoice for emergency repairs to Popcorn Ridge and Bridge #66 was discussed. Mark made a motion to pay the invoice, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

#4 Other Business

- A. The commissioners accepted the nepotism forms for the county officials on a motion by Josh, seconded by Mark and all agreed.
- B. Economic Development contract: Wil discussed the wording in the contract with the commissioners and about the EDC pay being in arrears; therefore they will provide details of how the money was spent with their invoice. No separate fund will be possible or necessary.
- C. Heat at the tech center: Gayle advised the commissioners that a laptop computer from the clerk's office had been fitted with the program that controls the HVAC system at the tech center. Innovative Energy had advised Bruce that the controls should not be changed except the HVAC in the 2 large rooms.

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Bruce's computer has the tech center HVAC program and there is a computer at the tech center with the same program.

After some discussion, the commissioners instructed Bruce to obtain the laptop in question. Josh requested an inventory list in reference to the courthouse items.

D. **Bernie Haurisperger – FPBH:** The following items were discussed:

1. Pictures before and after of Popcorn Ridge Road were provided.
2. The commissioners signed a document that the Popcorn Ridge Road project has been completed.
3. The county should be reimbursed for \$75,000 from the USDA in reference to Popcorn Ridge and some of the engineering cost also.
4. Adkinson Hill Road repair project needs a 30-day extension. This would end on January 19, 2015. Josh made a motion to approve the extension, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

E. **Income tax on health insurance:** Gayle said there had been a question about the employees' health insurance benefit being taxable. This is not a taxable benefit at the time due to the number of employees. It is on the W2's for a different purpose.

#5 Keli Gabbard – Animal Shelter

Keli came to discuss the following items with the commissioners:

1. Tax on take home vehicles: she asked how the shelter vehicles can be changed/outfitted so they would not have to pay taxes for having them to take home.
2. Weekend calls.
3. The commissioners requested that the shelter workers keep a log book in reference to call-outs and activity.
4. Comp-time: Wil advised them that salaried workers are not eligible for comp time.
5. Josh stated that it is not a good idea to change vehicles in order to prevent having to pay income tax.

#6 Rosemary Bovard

Rosemary spoke about semi-trucks using Markland Pike.

#7 More Other Business

Tommy Sullivan is no longer going to have pop machines available.

Mark stated that there was an illegal burn in Bennington over the weekend. Tires had been set on fire at the old post office location. Robbie Teeters owns the property. Mark said he would contact Mark Archer, of Planning and Zoning, and Mark Helt, of the Health Department, in reference to this problem. Wil advised that it is a criminal offense to burn tires.

Josh spoke about the Bevis property in the Ohio Valley Land Development being a cleanup issue.

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With no further business to come before the board, Mark made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Josh and all agreed. The meeting ended at 5:46 p.m.

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