

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: Mark Lohide, Steve Lyons, and Josh South, the sheriff, Nathan Hughes, the county attorney, Wil Goering, the auditor, Gayle Rayles, and the commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting of January 5th were approved as presented on a motion by Mark, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

Josh had questions about the insurance claims and Cardmember Services claims. He also requested copies of the credit card bills be included in the claim report. Mark made the motion to approve the claims, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

#1 Katie Collier – SWCD – Indian Creek Watershed Project Update

Katie provided a quarterly report of the Indian Creek Watershed project. The main items discussed were as follows:

1. Secured emergency watershed protection monies to the county to repair Popcorn Ridge Road; total \$84,000.00.
2. \$75,275.00 was paid out of the \$202,000.00 available in phase 2 of the project. There are 26 participants. The grant ends January 2016.
3. The county cost share program paid \$2,378.23 to producers.

#2 Jim McNulty and Tony Akles - Strand Payment

There was a discussion about money that Strand is seeking to be paid by the Redevelopment Corporation for project work. Strand is seeking \$28,000.00. Steve Lyons asked what the total amount was that the Redevelopment Commission had paid under the agreement. Strand did not have this information available at the meeting.

After some discussion, Steve stated that this problem is between Strand and the Redevelopment Corporation and suggested they schedule a meeting. Tony Akles stated that Strand has already provided the Redevelopment Commission with all paperwork and work product they have on the project.

Jon Bond, of the EDC told the Commissioners that the Redevelopment Commission would meet again in February and he will contact Strand with the meeting date. They would also schedule a special meeting if Strand could not make that date.

#3 Highway Department

Darrell Keith, interim highway supervisor, reported that the new long-arm tractor and the new pickup have been delivered. Also repairs on Adkinson Hill Road should be completed this week.

Bernie Hauersperger, of FPBH, was present and spoke about the road repairs that had been completed. He also gave the commissioners approach plans for Bridge #5 located on Bennington Pike. The permits have been completed. The bridge work is to be done when school is out and the impact on the property owners was discussed.

The Markland Pike Road repairs need to be finished by the county highway employees.

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#4 Other Business

- A. County attorney appointment: Attorney Wil Goering was reappointed as the county attorney on a motion by Mark, seconded by Josh and all agreed.
- B. Highway department personnel: Josh made a motion to appoint Darrell Keith as the full-time highway supervisor, seconded by Mark and all agreed.
- C. 911 certification form: The commissioners signed this form for 911 funding.
- D. Floor cleaning equipment: The purchase of floor cleaning equipment was discussed and the items brought up were as follows:
 - 1. Cost
 - 2. Moving the equipment to other county building.
 - 3. Josh spoke about the maintenance staff operating the equipment and a commitment from the staff to do the stripping and waxing.
 - 4. Will be discussed further at the next meeting.
- E. Covered bridge certification: The commissioners signed the document stating that there are no county-owned covered bridges.
- F. Judge Coy's letter regarding child support: The letter advised the commissioners that there was a 7% increase in money collected in 2014 compared to 2013.
- G. Conflict of interest forms: The commissioners signed these forms.
- H. EMA grant signatures: The commissioners signed the grant for the \$20,000.00 for radios.
- I. Board appointments: The following appointments were made:
 - 1. East Enterprise Sewer District: Josh made a motion to appoint Norman Supe, Harold Reeder, and James Miller to this board, seconded by Mark and all agreed.
 - 2. Tourism: Josh made a motion to appoint Steve Ellard-Jones, Pam Haines, and Sara Wolf to this board, seconded by Mark and all agreed.
 - 3. SIPRC (Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission): Mark made a motion to appoint Steve Ellard-Jones and Joe Bennett to this board, seconded by Josh and all agreed.
 - 4. SISWD (Southeastern Indiana Solid Waste District): Mark made a motion to appoint Josh South to this board which was seconded by Steve.
 - 5. Park board: Josh made a motion to appoint John Kniola to this board, seconded by Mark and all agreed.
 - 6. Economic Development Commission: Josh made a motion to appoint Bruce Williams to this board, seconded by Mark and all agreed.
 - 7. Redevelopment Commission: Mark made a motion to appoint Galen Rayles, Gene Crabtree, and Bruce Williams to this board, seconded by Josh and all agreed.
 - 8. SEIOC: Josh made a motion to appoint Steve Ellard-Jones to this board, seconded by Mark and all agreed.
 - 9. Community Corrections: Mark made a motion to appoint Josh South to this board which was seconded by Steve.
- J. Popcorn Ridge road: Mark spoke about the highway department repairing Popcorn Ridge Road. There is an estimate of \$250,000.00 from FPBH for this repair, after some discussion no action was taken.
- K. Asset inventory: Josh requested an asset/inventory list of county owned equipment starting with computers. There was a discussion on tagging county computer equipment with tamper evident labels. Bruce is to work on this.

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With no further business to come before the board, Josh made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mark and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Attest: _____

Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor
Switzerland County, Indiana