

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, 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 February 17th were approved as presented on a motion by Mark, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

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#1 Aaron Bell - SEIRD - Annual Report

Aaron gave the commissioners a pamphlet containing the SEIRD 2014 report. He spoke about assistance to the counties, observations, trends, and 2014 highlights. SEIRD now has a new lift truck available that will be used to pick up more containers at the schools.

#2 Christy Cutter - Gridley Road

Christy asked the commissioners if there was any possibility that upper Gridley Road could be reopened. After some discussion, Steve stated that at one time a land owner wanted the road closed and at present the county has no desire to open the road. Wil said the road was not vacated; the county just stopped maintaining it. The road specification ordinance (#02-02-10) was discussed which has certain requirements and specifications to upgrade an unimproved road before the county would consider providing maintenance.

Josh made a motion to table this topic until the next meeting so that the ordinance could be reviewed. The motion was seconded by Mark and all agreed.

#3 Keli Gabbard & Tara Hite - Animal Shelter Vehicle

Keli advised the commissioners that the 2003 Ford Ranger is out of commission. The rear spring shackles are rusted plus the truck will not start. Steve stated that the truck is probably not worth fixing. The following items were discussed:

1. Steve suggested the white Dodge van from the sheriff's department be used.
2. Mechanical condition of the Dodge van. (The van does have 4 new tires). Keli said they could haul as much of a load with the F150 they have compared to the van.
3. The sheriff would like to trade the van, a Dodge truck, and the evidence trailer for a new van that would be used to run errands. Steve suggested the sheriff trade the vehicles.

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4. Mark reminded Keli that he had at a previous meeting(s) recommended the purchase of two 2-wheel drive trucks instead of the 4-wheel drive that was purchased. He will not vote for another 4-wheel drive vehicle in the future.
5. After more discussion, Steve stated that Keli and Tara park the 4-wheel drive truck at the shelter and to drive their personal vehicles to work. Tara stated that leaving the truck at the shelter will make their response times longer; Steve stated that they are the animal shelter not the EMS.

#4 Elyssa Haskell - Hummel Insurance - Mal-practice Insurance

Elyssa explained that the new mal-practice policy has been in effect since November of 2014. There was a discussion on the need for the commissioners/county to have mal-practice coverage in addition to the nurse, nurse practitioner, and medical assistant. Wil is to contact the underwriter to get a better understanding of the reason for the additional coverage and advise the commissioners.

#5 Highway Department

Darrell Keith, highway supervisor, advised the commissioners that parts have been ordered for the grader, a clutch.

Darrell has called Tom Klunner in reference to the erosion problem on Grants Creek.

Steve asked Darrell if Jon Bond had contacted a land owner at the Markland Industrial Park. Darrell is to contact Jon.

The heaters at the highway garage are working ok.

#6 Other Business

- A. Spring cleanup weekend: April 24th, 25th, and 26th are the dates the Town of Vevay has set as the spring cleanup weekend. Darrell is to order dumpsters for the county highway garage. Josh made a motion to participate in the spring cleanup weekend and to order dumpsters, seconded by Mark and all agreed.
- B. Moorefield/Bennington Sewer District Maintenance: After some discussion Bruce was asked to provide a job description for this position. This is to be discussed at the next meeting. Bruce is to contact Lonny Harris the current maintenance tech.
- C. SISWD board appointment: Steve signed a request to re-appoint Sharon Hansel to the Citizens Advisory Council.
- D. EMA grant application: The commissioners signed the EMA grant application that was presented.
- E. Tourism board: Gayle advised the commissioners that Tony Gregory resigned from the tourism board.

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Other Business cont'd

- F. Closing notifications: Saundra Adams, of the Nurse Managed Clinic, said she is usually at work by 6:30 a.m. and Katia Stefanova, the nurse practitioner, lives in Hanover. Saundra needs to be notified earlier of office closings to prevent unnecessary travel to the office. Steve said an effort will be made to notify them earlier. Nixel was discussed and the commissioners recommended an ad be ran in the newspaper to advise citizens the various ways to sign up for this service.
- G. Bob Stivers: Mr. Stivers spoke about his contacts with a couple of government officials about the EPA having too much authority.

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 6:02 p.m.

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