

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

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

Josh requested that the entire conversation concerning the EMS from the last meeting be on record in the minutes.

The minutes of the previous meetings of November 16th and November 24th were approved as presented on a motion by Josh, seconded by Steve and all agreed.

#1 Landon Mowry – National Insurance – Life Insurance Quote

Mr. Mowry came to give the commissioners some information on life insurance. His company took our current policy out to bid with Minnesota Life, Madison National Life, Kansas City Life, Hartford, and Cigna. He admitted that our current company, Lincoln National, has given us a good rate. The only one that could compare is Minnesota Life. After his presentation and some discussion, the commissioners requested that Gayle and Nancy review this information. No action was taken at this time. He also discussed joining a consortium.

#2 Matt Wirth – Mid-America Science Park

Mr. Wirth is applying for a work force development grant from the state and requested that the president of the commissioners sign a letter of support. This is a grant to help educate the local workforce. He also said that ECO15 is probably seeking the same grant. Steve said he would like to check with ECO15 before signing the letter of support.

#3 Chiller Replacement for the Jail

Wil reviewed the documents for the new chiller and a ductless split system for 2 or 3 places in the building and read the following quotes:

Comfort Systems/IES	\$105,960.00
Johnson Controls	\$107,000.00
Nading Mechanical	\$171,000.00
Biehle Electric	did not have a quote for the split system – Not accepted
Blau Mechanical	\$150,000.00

After some discussion, Josh made a motion to approve the low bid from Comfort Systems/IES, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

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Darrell Keith, highway supervisor, was absent. Steve asked about road slips on Culbertson and North Landing. Someone from the highway department will check these out.

#5 Other Business

Nepotism forms: These were tabled until the next meeting.

Anniversary flag: The flag ceremony for the state anniversary flag will be at the tech building on Friday, December 11th, at 12:00 noon.

Edith Adams Road: Bobby Owings had contacted Mark a couple of weeks ago about the county reopening Edith Adams Road. Mark and some of the highway workers have looked at the road. There is about 6 tenths of a mile that is unimproved and has been for years. Bobby said that he has 80 acres that would be landlocked if this road is not opened. Mark told him the road is unimproved, not closed, and his property would not be landlocked.

Mark read aloud county Ordinance #02-02-18 and the requirements needed before the county would once again maintain the road. There are certain specifications listed in the ordinance that have to be met.

Steve spoke about how important it is to have good minutes and records, past and present, concerning the roads in the county.

Josh stated a similar request had been made in the past about a part of Gridley road that was unimproved. The residents chose to not do what the ordinance required so nothing changed concerning that road. He said the ordinance was made for a reason and should be followed.

No action was taken.

Highway position: Kenny Clements retired on November 30, 2015. This position will be advertised in the local paper. (Bruce is to do this.)

2016 Sheriff Contract: Tabled until the next meeting.

Telephone system audit: Another company is interested in auditing the telephone system for the county. Wil is going to review the contract/information before any decision is made.

IDEM information: The commissioners received information in regards to Mr. Voyles raising dairy calves on his property on Fairview Road

Government affairs service agreement: The commissioners reviewed the annual contract with Lewis and Kappes; the company that lobbies for the county's casino money at the state level. This is the same contract/price as last year. Josh made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

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Other Business cont'd

Surplus cages at the animal shelter: Josh said an employee asked about the old cages left over when the new ones were installed. He told her that she would need to submit a bid. These were declared as surplus equipment on a motion by Josh, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

Jefferson County casino money: Wil stated that Jefferson County had dropped the lawsuit against the county and the check(s) could be delivered.

Steve reminded everyone that today is **Pearl Harbor Day**; a day to always remember.

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 6:11 p.m.

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