

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 January 19th meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Mark, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

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#1 Ann Mulligan – Animal Control

Ann stated that in January she was outside her home and had her dog on a leash when her neighbor's 2 large dogs attacked and killed her dog. She wanted to know if it is ok that her neighbor had quarantined their dogs at home. Keli Gabbard, animal shelter manager, said that a state veterinarian had stated that it is ok. Her neighbor stated that the dogs had been stolen 3 days prior to the quarantine.

Ann asked about the amount of the fine. After looking at the ordinance, Wil said \$100.00 per dog is the amount of the fine. There is wording in the ordinance concerning the definition of a dangerous dog. There was a conversation between Ann and Keli about the animal control ordinance.

The commissioners requested that Wil review the ordinance and advise them about the fines and definitions at the next meeting. Ann requested that the animal control ordinance be changed requiring any quarantining of animals be at the shelter.

#2 Highway Department

Darrell Keith, highway department supervisor, stated that the salt storage building on SR129 is ready to be used.

Josh made a motion to hire Barry O'Neal to the highway department, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

#3 Other Business

A. East Enterprise Sewer District board appointment: Mark made a motion to appoint Heather Bolton to this board, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

B. JSSCCSCC dishwasher and roof repair: Josh made a motion to accept Errol Judy's bid of \$605.85 to repair the senior center roof, seconded by Mark and all agreed. The cost for a portable dishwasher was discussed. Bruce had a price from Lowe's for \$539.00. The commissioners requested that he check locally for pricing before one is ordered.

C. Flag poles for the memorial in the courthouse yard: After some discussion, Josh made a motion to purchase 2 20-foot flag poles at a cost of \$350.00 each from Abbot Flag Poles in Batesville, Indiana, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

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Other Business cont'd

D. EMS director appointment: There were 15 applicants for the director position. The EMS Advisory Board reviewed the applications and after an interview by the commissioners and the Advisory Board, the Advisory Board recommended that Nadine Swift be offered the position. Josh made the motion to hire Ms. Swift, seconded by Mark and all agreed. The commissioners will go to council to request approval for a salary for this position in the amount of \$47,500.00 per year. She will be available to start February 8, 2016. Wil stated that the commissioners could hire her on a contract basis until the council approves a salary ordinance. The commissioners agreed to make her start date February 11th after the salary ordinance goes before the council.

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 5:33 p.m.

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