

**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 called to order by Nathan, who also led the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the previous meeting of July 18<sup>th</sup> were approved as presented on a motion by Mark, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

The claims were approved as presented on a motion by Josh, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

Nathan gave the commissioners a report on his commissary money.

**#1 Tom Moore - EMA Emergency Alert System and Hazmat Class**

Tom Moore, EMA director, stated that he was still having problems with the Nixel alert system. Thirty percent of the people are not receiving the alerts. A discussion followed regarding switching to EverBridge or Code Red.

Tom is having a hazmat class this fall for emergency responders. The class is to be held at the tech building and he has permission from Kyle Weaver, from the extension office, to use some of the 4H property for part of the training exercises. Hilltop Basic Resources is donating sand for the training and then it will go to the 4H fair board for the horse barn. Sign up for the classes will start on August 19<sup>th</sup> for Switzerland County and others can register if there is an opening after August 19<sup>th</sup>.

He also spoke about having interference on the VHF fire radio band. The interference has gotten worse after the narrow banding. He will contact the FCC.

**#2 Chrissy Stewart - TacMana Grant**

TacMana is to receive a grant to build a storage building for the food pantry. The grant is for \$5,395.00 and the county would be the fiscal agent. Mark made a motion to approve the county being the fiscal agent, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

**#3 Eric Rabe - Grocery Store**

Eric originally had a ten year agreement with the county and the Town of Vevay to pay the loan used to purchase the IGA store property. At a council meeting last year there was a discussion on the county continuing their support since Eric had sold the property and is leasing the store from the new owner. He is asking the county to continue the agreement for 6 more years. A discussion followed about the original agreement not requiring

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Eric to own the building. Wil stated the agreement was between Economic Development and Eric. Steve is in favor of continuing the agreement and Mark would like to review the agreement.

Steve explained to Eric that his agreement was with the council so they would have the final say since funding comes from them.

Mark made a motion to support 6 more years of the agreement, seconded by Josh for the sake of discussion. There was discussion as to whether or not it goes against the original context of the agreement. The motion carried with Mark and Steve voting yes and Josh voting no. Jon Bond, of Economic Development, will be asked to put a new agreement together.

**#4 Pete Trippel - Mt. Carmel Road Right-of-way**

Mr. Trippel needs to know the right-of-way for Mt. Carmel Road in order to have a water line installed to his property. The water company needs something in writing before they will dig. He has not been able to contact Eva Ottmeyer for easement information. Wil mentioned that R.E.M.C. might provide an easement. The road width is 20 feet. Twenty feet from the center of the road is the standard measurement for a right-of-way. After some discussion, Mark said he would try to contact the Ottmeyer's.

**#5 Highway Department**

Darrell Keith, highway supervisor, stated that the chipping and sealing should be done by next week. He introduced Leo J. Rumpschlag, of Janssen & Spaans Engineering. Mr. Rumpschlag presented pictures of bridge #26, on Log Lick, especially the underside, showing the water damage. His inspection list of problems were as follows.

- a. It does not set on a bedrock foundation.
- b. The beams are small.
- c. The stone has washed away from the concrete wall exposing the foundation.
- d. The bridge has only a 5-ton weight limit because of the small beams.
- e. The walls have moved over the last 2 years.

His recommendations to for this bridge are stated below:

1. Increase the monitoring of the bridge, especially after a heavy rain.
2. Add concrete underpinning to protect the abutments.
3. Replace the bridge in order to get rid of the 5-ton limit.
4. An estimate will be provided.

Creek bank slips and permits were discussed and Leo Rumpschlag recommended Patricia Conner with his company, do the permitting. Josh said this might be an opportunity to reach out to GRW.

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**#6 Other Business**

- A. Seal and stripe the clinic parking lot: Bruce is to obtain bids.
- B. Funeral leave: Funeral leave for a brother-in-law and sister-in-law was discussed. Josh made a motion to amend the employee manual to include these 2 family members, seconded by Mark and all agreed.
- C. SIEOC Board appointment: Mark made a motion to re-appoint Steve Jones-Ellard to this board, seconded by Josh and all agreed.
- D. Painting bids for the courthouse: 2 bids were read by Steve:  
1. Tri-State Painting and Pressure Washing for \$8,925.00  
2. Sullivan Painting and Contracting for \$10,498.16.  
Mark made a motion to accept the lowest bid of \$8,925.00. Josh seconded the motion and added that the job be completed by September 5th and all agreed.
- E. Fall cleanup: Josh would like to limit what can be dumped. The commissioners agreed by consensus to do the fall cleanup; the same procedure as the spring. Gayle is to contact the Town of Vevay to see if they would like to participate.
- F. Ordinances: Wil explained that new federal laws and definitions required our existing ordinance to be revised. **The Drug Free Workplace Ordinance** was approved on a motion by Josh, seconded by Mark and all agreed. **The Fair Housing Ordinance** was approved on a motion by Mark, seconded by Josh and all agreed.
- G. Community Mental Health Clothesline Project: There was a question on what is on the t-shirts displayed for the Clothesline Project. The message asking for permission to display them on the courthouse fence did not include pictures. Mark is not in favor but Josh felt it would be ok if there is nothing graphic on the shirts. Steve suggested contacting Ohio County. Gayle is to contact Timmie Elbright, project coordinator, and request pictures of the shirts.
- H. Courthouse a/c: Gayle spoke about the a/c problem in the old part of the courthouse. The temperature in the auditor's office was 78 degrees today. She said Comfort Systems suggested repairs or maybe replacement with a new split system similar to the one that was just installed at the Nurse Managed Clinic. After some discussion the commissioners requested Bruce to get estimates for needed repairs or a new solution.
- I. Wil Goering-refinancing the tech building: Wil stated that the tech building needs to be refinanced. He suggested using Crowe Horwath as a consultant and ICE Miller for the bond council. There are various ways to do the refinancing. We also need to select a building committee, that holds the deed and leases the property back to the county, and establish a building corporation. The committee would need to consist of 3 individuals that are not county officials. He suggested going through the Indiana Bond Bank would be the most economical route.

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**Other Business cont'd**

*J. East Enterprise Regional Sewer District:* Steve had a letter from the EERSD board. The letter and contents were about a rate study and the use of grant money.

*Wil had to leave a 6:47 p.m.*

*K. Joint meeting:* A joint meeting was scheduled for August 15<sup>th</sup> immediately following the regular commissioners' meeting at 5:00 p.m.

*L. EMS building:* Josh spoke about the EMS building and the following items were discussed:

1. A walk-through at the building this Friday with GRW to determine the structure's integrity.
2. The building is in pretty good shape.
3. Service Pro has worked on the water damage in the building and their report has been requested.
4. Should have all of the information available to be able to make a decision about the purchase of the building by the August 15<sup>th</sup> joint meeting.
5. Discussed the pros and cons of buying or building a new building.
6. Inspection reports discussed: air, water, roof, etc.
7. Terri Grove is working on a 50/50 match grant from the Ogle Foundation for SCER.
8. Possible cuts to the size of the new building.
9. Mark stated that no one has suggested to him to buy the SCEMS building.

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 7:10 p.m.

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 Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor  
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