

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, Jerry Monjar, 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 regular meeting of March 20th were approved as presented on a motion by Jerry, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

The minutes of the joint meeting of March 8th were approved as presented on a motion by Mark, seconded by Jerry and all agreed.

The minutes of the special meeting of March 27th were approved on a motion by Mark, seconded by Jerry and all agreed.

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

#1 Gayle Sullivan - Courthouse Security

Gayle asked where the commissioners are at with the courthouse security. She spoke about a couple of incidents that have happened in the clerk's office recently. There was an incident where a person had a gun on the front seat of his car at the same time someone was filing a protective order. There was no security to prevent him from getting the gun. Gayle spoke about other incidents involving angry people being in her office. She has used the alarm in her office to contact the sheriff.

Josh gave an update about what the security committee has been doing. Gayle would like to have someone in her office involved in the decision making. She also asked about a time frame. Mark stated soon. A discussion followed. Josh said he was interested in costs, labor, equipment, and location of the entrances for the public and the employees. Mark and Nathan are to meet Wednesday.

#2 Sheriff Nathan Hughes & Tonya Bond of The Indiana Sheriff's Association

The following items were discussed:

1. Wands would cost \$200.00 to \$500.00.
2. Courthouse security training (Those being considered will take the same written test as the sheriff deputies.)
3. Use the front door with a buzzer for the handicapped ramp door.
4. Concerns about the number of people for jury duty being here at one time.
5. Council would have to approve the funding.
6. Nathan said deputies will not take basic training, the state has its own training for courthouse security.
7. The sheriff should have a cost estimate at the next meeting.
8. Number of deputies needed. (Tonya stated most counties have 1.)

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#3 Highway Department

Darrell Keith, highway supervisor, gave the commissioners copies of the engineers' proposals for replacing Bridge #8 on Pendleton Run Road and repairing Bridge #35 on Quercus Grove Road. The commissioners will need to review the proposals before making a decision.

Darrell said the skid-loader and the Chevy dump truck #13 have been repaired. The skid-loader repairs cost \$250.00 and dump truck rear end repairs cost \$3,500.00.

He is waiting on quotes for asphalt from O'Mara and is getting a list of excess equipment together to sell. The dumpsters for the countywide spring cleanup have been ordered.

Darrell had someone ask him about renting out the county bucket truck to employees and the commissioners said no.

#4 Other Business

Fairgrounds parking lot usage by Duke Energy: This is a request for the use of the lot as a staging area for some of their trucks. The commissioners want a written agreement from Duke stating how long the lot will be used, cleanup, etc. They assured the commissioners they would be out of the lot by the time of the 4H fair in July. Bert Allen will contact Duke about this.

Burnisher purchase: Gayle had 2 price options for burnishers (buffers). After some discussion Mark made a motion to purchase the Cheetah 1500 at a price of \$979.00 from Kenway Distributors. The motion was seconded by Jerry; the motion carried with Josh voting no.

Telephone equipment purchase: Josh stated that the county has the option to buy the current telephone equipment from CenturyLink for \$31,027.26. Wil said it was not a good idea to do so. Mark made a motion to table this topic, as the contract is not up until October, seconded by Jerry and all agreed.

Jeff-Craig Fire Dept.: Josh has not received a letter from Jeff Craig Fire Dept. to see if they are coming on board as an ambulance backup. They have reached an agreement with the Town of Vevay.

Trash on property on Tapps Ridge: Mark Archer, of Planning and Zoning, spoke about a property located at 6733 Tapps Ride Road. He had sent a letter to the landowner on 3/8/17 notifying him to clean up the property. The deadline to have it cleaned up would be 4/8/17. Mark said the owner has been trying to clean up the property but he recommends a 30-day extension. Mark A. said this should be a health dept. issue not a planning and zoning problem. The property owner, Bill Barnes, was present and asked for a break and to allow him 30 days more to clean up the place. Bill asked if he had to clean up what you can't see from the road. Wil advised that he needed to clean up anything visible from the road or any adjacent property.

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Other Business cont'd

Trash on property on Tapps Ridge cont'd:

A discussion followed. Jerry made a motion to give him 30 more days. The motion died for the lack of a second. After more discussion, Josh made a motion to extend the time to the next commissioners' meeting on April 17th, seconded by Mark and all agreed. Mark Archer is to give an update at the April 17th meeting.

Drug abuse committee: Josh said that approximately 10 people have shown an interest in the drug abuse committee. Mark made a motion to form a drug abuse committee, seconded by Jerry and all agreed. Mark will be on the committee and Josh asked him to call the interested people.

Seymour Road property: Mark L. said there may be a complaint filed about a property on Seymour Road. A person was asking him about forms used to file such a complaint.

Animal shelter items: Keli Gabbard, of the animal shelter, gave Wil information from Marion County animal shelter regarding holding animals owned by inmates. Wil is to contact an inmate who has had 2 animals at our shelter for several months.

Keli had 5 applicants for a part-time position at the shelter. Her current part-time employee is leaving. This will be discussed at the executive session following this meeting.

Audience question: Rosemary Bovard asked if Nathan is on the drug abuse committee, and that she had heard that some Kentucky jails are allowing addicts to stay in empty jail cells so that they can get off drugs. (Nathan was not on the committee and was not present at this time to answer the question.)

With no further business to come before the board, Mark made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Jerry and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 5:59p.m.

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