

**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 joint meeting of April 12<sup>th</sup>, the regular meeting of April 17<sup>th</sup>, and the special meeting of April 19<sup>th</sup> were approved as presented on a motion by Jerry, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

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

**#1 Joe Williams – Trash Complaint at 10923 Markland Pike**

Mr. Williams' address is 10899 Markland Pike. He said that the 10923 Markland Pike property has a washer, dryer, and a couple of old cars in the yard. He has spoken with Nancy Craig and Mark Archer about this property and appreciated their help. Mr. Williams also believes that property does not have a septic system and there is, on occasion, water pumped out of the house. The water flows onto Joe's property and has killed some of the fish in his pond. Mark Helt, county sanitarian, was present. He stated that he has been at the site in question. The water does not have a sewage smell. It appears to be gray water. However, there is no record of a septic permit on file for the property. There is a dye test planned to determine the source of water being pumped outside.

The property owners live in Columbia, South Carolina and he has not been able to contact them. A discussion followed that was mostly about health department issues. Wil suggested that, Matt Hocker, the health department attorney, send a letter to the owner and explain about the problems at this property.

**#2 Dave Muncey & Randy Riemersma – CenturyLink Contract**

Did not appear

**#3 Kevin Hayes – 911 Coordinator – Radio Console Contract**

This is a contract to replace the consoles for 911 dispatch and the mobile radios in the sheriff's vehicles. The cost will be \$177,000.00 plus. A 4-year municipal lease at 3.9% is planned for a yearly payment of \$44,366.73. The money is in their budget for this equipment upgrade. The EF Johnson radios will be replaced by Motorola radios. There is a 4-year maintenance agreement included in the contract. After some discussion, Josh suggested a staggered approach for this purchase. He then asked for a motion. Mark made a motion to approve the contract/purchase as presented by Kevin, seconded by Jerry and the motion carried with Josh voting "no". Josh signed the contract on behalf of the county.

Kevin also had 2 car titles for sheriff department vehicles that needed signed by the commissioners: a 2002 Ford Taurus and 2007 Dodge Charger. These are being traded in for a Jeep Patriot for Ed McClellan, process service.

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**#4 Bernie Hauersperger – FPBH – Bridge #8 and Bridge #35**

FPBH's proposals for engineering on Bridge #8 is \$41,900.00 and for Bridge #35 is \$49,400.00. Mark made a motion to approve the proposals, seconded by Jerry and all agreed.

**#5 Highway Department**

Darrell Keith, highway supervisor, stated that there was not much damage from the rain on Saturday. There was just a lot of debris to remove from the roads.

He has not heard from Janssen and Spaans. They were supposed to look at the bids for Bridge #26. The commissioners agreed by consensus to have McAlister Excavating proceed.

Darrell said he would have to reschedule the asphalt plans.

Jerry spoke about a tree that needs to be removed at the intersection of Scotts Ridge and SR 250. He has spoken with the landowner and he gave permission to do what is needed.

The Countywide Cleanup was a success. No one was turned away this year.

**#6 Other Business**

Board positions: Larry Stewart sent a letter to the commissioners stating his interest in being on the Florence Regional Sewer District Board. Steve Jones-Ellard sent a letter explaining his resignation from the SIEOC board. Bruce was instructed to advertise for both of the positions.

Drug board: There are 11 people on the Drug Board. Bruce has the list and phone numbers for each person.

Contractors for trash removal on Tapps Ridge: Mark Archer, of planning and zoning, reported that he had contacted 6 contractors and had received back 2 proposals. One was from Angel's Excavating for \$50.0 per hour for machinery operation plus the cost of dumpsters and 1 from Final Grade that was the same amount as Angel's. Mark made a motion to accept the proposal from Angel's Excavating, seconded by Jerry and all agreed. Mark A. had stated that the owner has cleaned up about 90% of the metal. The rest is mostly plastic.

Community Crossing Grant: There was a discussion on matching funds available for the Community Crossing Grant. Gayle said that the DLGF had said only money in the Rainy Day and Special LIT funds could be used which would give us a match of approximately \$250,000.00. However, we are permitted to transfer money from the General Fund to the Rainy Day Fund with a cap of 10% of our budget. We can then replenish the General Fund with casino revenue.

Tech Building deed: Wil stated that the deed to the tech building will be for the building only and will be deeded to the Switzerland County Building Corporation.

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***Other Business cont'd***

Asset Management Plan: In the asset management plan for the county roads, there is a section recommending paving and chip and seal for certain roads. The commissioners are discussing following this plan.

SCEMS property taxes: Gayle asked if there had been any further research to determine if SCEMS is responsible for the 2017 property taxes for 809 East Main Street. Wil is to check on this.

911 call response: Rosemary Bovard asked who responds to a 911 call and who is supposed to clean up debris after a wreck. The 911 calls go out to different entities depending on the type of call. Usually the fire departments or tow truck companies are to clean up the debris.

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 6:13 p.m.

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Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor  
Switzerland County, Indiana