

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: Josh South, Mark Lohide, and Jerry Monjar, the auditor, Gayle Rayles, and the commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams.

The meeting was opened by President, Josh South with the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the November 6, 2017 regular meeting and the November 8, 2017 joint meeting were approved on a motion by Mark, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

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

#1 Robert Wheeler - Turtle Creek Boat Ramp

John Kniola introduced Robert Wheeler, owner of the Trade Winds Boat Harbor. Mr. Wheeler is interested in taking part in the DNR sediment removal plan. However, as an individual he is unable to apply. Application must come from a not-for-profit group. John asked if the commissioners would like to apply for the funds or if they felt it should be handled by the Park Board. The grant is 80/20 and John stated that Mr. Wheeler would cover any out of pocket costs. He felt the project would cost \$9,500.00 to \$10,000.00.

Josh said that he felt this was not something the county should be involved in. The applicant is ultimately responsible for the 20% and he is uncomfortable making that commitment, even though he was sure Mr. Wheeler would take care of the costs. He also said that since this is not a "park", he didn't think this was a Park Board issue. He suggested that, due to the people the harbor brings into the county, this is something they should approach tourism about. Mark agreed with this opinion.

#2 Nadine Swift - SCER Case Vehicle

Nadine had quotes from two dealers for a chase vehicle for Switzerland County Emergency Response.

- John Jones
 - Dodge Durango
 - \$35,905.00
 - All Wheel Drive
 - Warranty 5 years / 60,000 miles
 - Upgrade warranty to 5 years / 100,000 miles additional \$2,000.00
- McCubbin Ford
 - Dodge Durango
 - \$37,211.00
 - 5 years / 100,000 miles

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#2 Nadine Swift - Chase Vehicle (cont.)

- McCubbin Ford
 - Ford Explorer
 - \$40,576.25
 - 4 wheel drive
 - Includes upgraded light package
 - 5 years / 100,000 miles

There was a discussion on:

- Which vehicles have a history of requiring the most maintenance
- Engine size
- Fuel efficiency
- Light bars vs. slick tops
- Safety
- Siren systems
- Storage capacity

Mark made a motion to purchase the Ford Explorer from McCubbin Ford. Josh seconded the motion for discussion. Jerry said that this would be a turn-key purchase. All that was needed was for the radio to be installed (McCubbin Ford offered to do the installation if we brought them the radio) and have our emblems put on the vehicle. Josh called for the vote. The motion passed two to one. Mark and Jerry voted in favor, Josh was opposed.

#3 Other Business

GRW contract signatures: At a previous meeting the commissioners voted to accept the GRW bid for the ADA project. They signed the contract.

IT Services - RFP: At their previous meeting the commissioners voted to have 2018 IT services go thru the bid process. Josh provided RFP specs or anyone interested in bidding.

Jail Boilers: There were bids from two companies for boiler repairs/replacement. The bids were not comparable and it was unclear what needs to be done. This item was tabled by consensus until more information can be obtained.

Bridge #8 Right-of-Ways: The commissioners signed the necessary paperwork for the land acquisitions needed for the right-of-ways for Bridge #8. The cost of one is \$1,640 and the other \$1,224.

Networking Equipment: Marty Hankins had done research on the cost of the equipment for the new phone system. He had bids from several companies. The commissioners advised him to find the vendor with the lowest price for Adtran equipment then contact them thru email for a decision.

End of Year clean-up meeting: The end of year clean-up meeting will be on Thursday, December 28th.

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Other Business cont'd

Community Foundation Letter: Josh read a letter from Roy Leap, President of the Switzerland County Community Foundation. The Foundation is having a Matching Gift Program through the end of the year. Any donations made through the Foundation will be matched dollar for dollar by the Foundation.

Bridge Inspection Contact: The commissioners agreed to award the bridge inspection contract for the next four-year cycle to USI Consultants. They have the highest rating. The cost for this service and the language for the contact comes from the State. The commissioners signed the contract.

Tracking time for Highway Dept.: Jerry said that he had been asked about the Highway Dept. employees not taking lunch and leaving early. Darrell said that, if the employees skip lunch, it is usually because they are in the middle of something that they can't just stop. Chip and seal is a good example. He said that one reason the employees may leave early is because they have comp time coming to them. He assured the commissioners that he reviews all time sheets and tracks employees' time.

With no further business to come before the board, Mark made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jerry, and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

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