

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 county attorney, Wil Goering, was absent.

The meeting was opened by Sheriff, Nathan Hughes, with the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the previous November 20, 2017, regular meeting, 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 Larry Perlich - Senior Center Floors

Larry requested the commissioners approve a proposal from William Gulley to strip and wax all of the floors at the Jack Sullivan Senior Center. After a brief discussion on the cost per square foot Mark made a motion to approve the proposal. Jerry seconded the motion. The vote was two to one with Josh voting nay. The motion passed. The cost for the project is \$1,438.50.

#2 Tom Moore - LEPC

Tom said that the county's LEPC has been started up again. They had their first meeting on November 16th. Officers and committees were set up. LEPC should meet quarterly and the state has given them an extension to March 1, 2018 to fulfill all of their requirements. Plans have been made to accomplish everything by that date.

There are some problems with the funds that we have on hand after the LEPC became inactive. Our balance and the state's estimate of what we should have are different. They are tracking down old records and working on the discrepancy.

Tom would like to offer the LEPC the office next to his in the Tech Center. It has filing cabinets and a computer that belongs to EMA that is not being used. The meetings for LEPC will be held at the Tech Center.

Josh said that he was not comfortable with this idea. LEPC is not a county government unit. And he fears mixing the assets with EMA since they are so closely related.

Jerry made a motion to table the LEPC issue until other avenues can be discussed, Mark seconded. The vote was two to one with Josh voting nay, the motion passed.

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#3 Other Business

a. Nepotism Forms: The commissions signed the annual Nepotism Policy and Compliance with County Contract Disclosure Policy forms.

b. Nathan Hughes - Jail Boilers: At a previous meeting the commissioners had reviewed bids to replace/repair two jail boilers and tabled the decision until more details could be obtained on the bids. Josh said that some things had changed since that meeting. Nathan said that one of the boilers is not working and the other is operating at 80%. He was concerned that if the weather turns colder it would put too much of a strain on the one operating at 80% because it is already struggling to keep the jail at a comfortable temperature.

He had the money in his budget to cover the cost of \$17,768.00 for a new boiler with a stainless steel heat exchanger. The representative from Comfort Systems explained that the previous boiler had an aluminum heat exchanger. The poor water conditions in this area cause this type to corrode. They recommended stainless steel for the replacement which should make the boiler last longer. Nathan has already ordered the replacement boiler and Comfort Systems estimates it will be three to four weeks before it's available.

Mark made a motion to accept the bid with the stainless steel heat exchanger, Jerry seconded the motion. The vote was two to one with Josh voting nay, the motion passed.

c. Comfort Systems 2018 Maintenance Contracts: The commissioners reviewed the 2018 maintenance contracts with Comfort Systems for the jail, courthouse, tech center and medical building. All of the prices for 2018 are the same as 2017 with the exception of one. The medical building 2017 costs was \$3,073.00. In 2018 the cost will be reduced to \$1,300.00 due to some of the equipment in the building no longer being covered by this contract. Mark asked if Comfort Systems checks for gas leaks during their routine maintenance checks.

Josh made a motion to accept the bids, Jerry seconded the motion and all agreed. The motion passed.

d. 2018 Pay Dates, Holidays & Meeting Dates: Mark made a motion to approve the 2018 pay dates, holidays and commissioners meeting dates and Josh seconded the motion. Jerry made a motion to amend Mark's motion to change the commissioners meeting time to 5:30 in 2018. Josh seconded the motion for discussion. There being no discussion Josh called for the vote on the amended motion. Jerry voted in favor, Josh and Mark voted against. The motion failed one to two.

Josh called for the vote on the original motion made by Mark. All agreed and the motion passed unanimously.

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Other Business cont'd

e. Purdue 2018 Contract: Mark made a motion to accept the 2018 Purdue Contract and Jerry seconded the motion. All agreed and the motion passed.

f. Snow Removal Bids: Bids are to be advertised the next two weeks and be delivered to the Auditor's office in time for the next commissioners meeting. The bidders should price the courthouse, jail, tech center, senior center, medical building and the SCER building separately and include the type of salt they would use.

g. ADA: There is an ad in the paper asking for complaints, suggestions or grievances from the public. This is in order to be in compliance with the ADA requirements.

h. New Phone System: Gayle said that she had been contacted regarding the status of the new phone system. The fiber is ready in the courthouse and they are currently working on the Tech Center. Jerry asked about the equipment that Marty is to order. Josh said that Marty has the approval to order the equipment.

i. Moorefield-Bennington Sewer District: Mark said that the project at the Moorefield-Bennington Sewer locations is about finished. There are a few surface leaks in the Moorefield field. The fences will be installed soon.

j. Animals running loose: Mark said he had been contacted by Keli Gabbard, of the animal shelter, about pigs running loose on the golf course at Belterra and near the Concord Church. He wanted to remind the public to keep their animals housed.

k. Tech Center Possible gas leak: Mark said that Jon Bond had reported that there was the smell of gas at the Tech Center on the lower level. Mark will check this with a detector after the meeting.

l. IN Association of County Commissioners Outstanding Administrator of the Year: Mark said that Carla Armstrong had been nominated for this award. He and Darrell were present at the annual County Commissioners Conference when they announced she'd won. Josh thanked Mark for making the nomination.

With no further business to come before the board, Jerry made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mark, and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

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