

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

The meeting was opened by President, Mark Lohide, and Josh South led the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the July 2, 2018 regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Josh, seconded by Jerry and all agreed.

Josh made a motion to approve the claims; Jerry seconded the motion and all agreed.

#1 John Kniola - Parking at County Parks

John said that he had requested an ordinance prohibiting 18 wheelers from parking at county parks and asked for an update. Wil had prepared such an ordinance. Mark did the first reading of Ordinance No. 07-16-2018 "Prohibiting the Parking of Commercial Vehicles in County Parks". The second reading will be at the August 6th meeting, followed by the adoption at the August 20th commissioners meeting.

Mark said the ordinance allows for such vehicles to park in county parks during specific events. Josh said that the ordinance only applies to parks under the jurisdiction of the commissioners. This does not include Ogle Park.

#2 Other Business

- A. Scott's Ridge Bids: The bids opened at the last meeting have been reviewed by the commissioners. Each of the contractors has been contacted for specifics concerning the work planned. They are as follows:
- McAlister - \$52,440.00
 - Parham - \$89,000.00
 - GSI - \$114,240.00
- Josh made a motion to award the project to McAlister for \$52,440.00; Jerry seconded the motion and all agreed.
- B. EERSD Board Appointment: There was a discussion on the by-laws of the East Enterprise Regional Sewer District requiring a board member to reside in the district, or if owning property there is sufficient to qualify. Josh made a motion to table the decision until this information is available; Jerry seconded the motion and all agreed.
- C. Animal Shelter Gates: Tom Stow will install the new gates for the animal shelter after he returns from vacation in approximately two weeks.

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- D. District 3 Job Opening: George Reed has retired from the Highway Department. The position will be advertised for two weeks. Those who recently applied and were interviewed for the last opening will also be considered. There will be an executive meeting at 4:00 p.m., before the commissioners' regular meeting, on August 6th to review applications.
- E. Landscape Plants: The plans for the replacement plants were not available for this meeting.
- F. Asphalt Bids: There were only two bids for the asphalt work. In order for this project to be considered for a Community Crossing Grant there needs to be a minimum of three bids. The county will seek another bid for the project before the bids are opened.
- G. EERSD Claim Voucher: The claim voucher for the East Enterprise Regional Sewer District did not include any details of the work the claim covered. Gayle is to contact Jodi Comer, with SIRPC, for more information. Josh made a motion to give Mark the authorization to okay the claim without a formal vote once the details are received; Jerry seconded the motion and all agreed.
- H. Beautification in Town: Mark said that at the last meeting it was mentioned that there needs to be a greater effort toward beautification of the town area. He said that the commissioners have a plan to do their part. Plans are in place to:
- Paint the cannon
 - Repair and paint the gazebo
 - Replace plants in landscaping
 - Straighten the fence around the courthouse
- I. Economic Development: Josh said that he has been in contact with Rhonda Griffin, the president of SCEDC, and there was a discussion on the need for using one of the consultant that Jeff Quyle had suggested to give the county some direction for the future.

Dick Yanikoski, President of the Switzerland County Community Foundation, had put together a list of bullet points regarding how SCEDC might look in the future. The possibility of including more people in the decision making process was discussed.

Dick cautioned the commissioners that, if a consultant is brought in, they need to have a less formal conversation to put together questions for the consultant to address. This will give them an effective perspective to respond to avoiding them giving us their boiler-plate presentation with an overview of what they offer.

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#2 Other Business cont'd

- J. School Zone Speed Limit Ordinance: Mark did the first reading of the ordinance for Brushy Fork Rd. speed limit where the Amish school is located. The speed limit will be 25 mph for ¼ mile east and ¼ mile west of the school. There was a discussion on reducing that to 20 mph or adding a stop sign. Darrell was asked if he had the signs necessary to post the changes. He'll check into this.
- K. MBSD issues from last meeting: Mark said the Highway Department equipment at the Bennington site has been moved and arrangements have been made to get the mowing taken care of.
- L. Generator: Wil said there is a generator that SCEDC got with grant money. They are donating the unit to the MBSD. Josh made a motion to accept the equipment; Jerry seconded the motion and all agreed.
- M. Leasing space at Tech Center: Josh said there is a lease for one of the empty offices in the Tech Center. This was signed at the last commissioners meeting. An address correction is needed for the location of the property sited in the lease agreement. Gayle will contact GAI for the correction.
- N. Highway Department Update: Darrell reported on the following:
 - a. The deck on the Pendelton Run Bridge will be sealed tomorrow (7/17) and the project will be complete.
 - b. There have been problems with two of the new tractors and mowers. They are working with the dealer to get things corrected.
 - c. They need a roller to do chip and seal. Darrell will be checking with Rohe to see if they have one available.
 - d. Hilltop has no chips. He will be checking on the ones available from Versailles to be sure they are what we want.
 - e. Log Lick slip has gotten worse.
 - f. There will be a meeting regarding stream stabilization on July 27th.
- O. Dust Control: Mr. Girod was present and asked about dust control on Brushy Fork Road. The commissioners discussed what can be used. The EPA only approves certain products. Darrell is to see what can be done.

With no further business to come before the board, Mark made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Josh, and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

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