

**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, commissioners' attorney, Wil Goering, and the commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams.

The meeting was opened by president, Mark Lohide with the pledge of allegiance. Mark asked for a moment of silence in honor of Pres. George H.W. Bush, who recently passed away.

The minutes of the November 19, 2018 regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Josh, seconded by Jerry and all agreed.

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

**#1 Jodi Comer - SIRPC Public Meeting for Rehab Grant:**

By December 17, 2018 Switzerland Co. will be submitting a grant application for \$350,000.00 to the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority for a Community Development Block Grant for their owner-occupied rehab program. Jodi Comer, with SIRPC, was there to conduct an open meeting for the purpose of informing the public of the pending application and process.

Switzerland Co. was awarded \$70,268.92 from USDA/Rural Development Housing Preservation Grant. This will be included as a match in the application. Even though a match is no longer required, this could potentially help in the scoring. The grant award date will be in March of 2019.

If funded, the program could help 14 families. At least 50% of the applicants need to be over 62, disabled, veterans, persons with children under six years of age in the household or single parent head of households. All participants must be 80% or below the area median income. The funds in the program will be used to perform minor home repairs and improvements.

Jodi asked for questions or comments from the public. There were none.

**#2 Other Business:**

- A. Moorefield-Bennington Sewer District Rates: Josh said that he saw no reason to change the rates at this time. They had recently been discussed due to the difference in the ordinance and what we are charging. There was a discussion on the process to change the rates. Mark expressed some concern over the recent maintenance costs. The pumps we have can no longer be repaired and replacement pumps are \$600.00. Several pumps have been replaced in the last few months.

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**#4 Other Business (continued):**

Moorefield-Bennington Sewer District Rates cont'd

Josh recommended a rate study be done. Gayle is to check with EERSD to find out who did their rate study and reach out to that company and Umbaugh for cost estimates.

- B. 2019 Days - Pay, Holiday and Meeting Dates: Josh made a motion to approve the list of paid holidays minus Martin Luther King, Columbus and Presidents Day; Jerry seconded the motion. Jerry and Josh voted in favor, Mark voted against; the motion passed.

Josh made a motion to approve the pay dates and commissioners' meeting dates; Jerry seconded the motion and all agreed.

- C. Nepotism and Contract Disclosure Policy Forms: The commissioners signed the annual Nepotism and Contract Disclosure forms.

- D. Mechanical repairs estimates: The following estimates for repairs were discussed:

	<u>Comfort System / Nading Mechanical</u>	
• Stairwell Cabinet Heater	\$428.00	\$577.00
• Air Vents & Fill Valve	\$2,052.00	\$1,778.00
• Chiller	\$1,870.00	\$1,203.00

Josh made a motion to accept all three proposals from Nading Mechanical; Jerry seconded the motion and all agreed.

**#5 ADA Requirements:**

Bruce mentioned that in 2019 the county needs to start making improvements lined out in the ADA recommendations. Wil said that we need to prioritize what causes problems with public access. The county is to set aside \$6,000.00 a year for upgrades.

**#6 Sand Run Road Bridge:**

Jerry said he had a call from Joe Brady regarding the bridge on Sand Run. When there are heavy rains problems occur around the bridge and on his property. Jerry and Darrell are to look into this.

**#7 Township Board Member Resignation:**

Wil said that one of the Township board members has resigned prior to being sworn in. There was a discussion on how the position will be filled. Wil said, since he has not been sworn in, he is not considered "qualified". According to the state there is no statute that covers this situation. The state has a process to follow in these circumstances. The county executive body is to select a replacement from the incumbents who were not re-elected.

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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 5:52 p.m.

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Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor  
Switzerland County, Indiana