

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, Jerry Monjar, and Jamie Peters, the county auditor, Carolyn Green, and commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams.

The meeting was opened by Josh who also led the pledge of allegiance.

#1 Reorganization

Jerry made the motion to nominate Josh as president; seconded by Jamie and all agreed.

Jamie made the motion to nominate Jerry as vice-president; seconded by Josh and all agreed.

The motion to rehire Wil Goering as attorney for the commissioners was made by Jerry; Josh seconded the motion for discussion. The motion passed.

#2 Regular Business

The minutes of the previous regular meeting of December 28th were approved as presented on a motion by Jerry; seconded by Jamie and all agreed.

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

#3 Carolyn Miller – Cemetery Board – Annual Report

Carolyn Miller, representing the Switzerland County Cemetery Commission, submitted their annual report, which needs to be signed by the commissioners. The signed reported must be submitted to the DNR, Historical Division for approval. The Cemetery Commission is a 5-member team, appointed by the commissioners, funded by the council, and has been in existence since 2008. Of the \$10,000.00 funded to the commission for 2018, only about half was spent, as the people hired for restoration were not able to come for the full time. They do promise to come extra times in 2019. In 2018 three cemeteries were kept cleaned off by the commission, and Lee Cemetery in Cotton Twp. was completely restored. The goal for 2019 is to work on several cemeteries, especially one in Posey Township and one in York Township, which are in danger of extinction. Of the five members, Nancy Barker, Cyndi Seymour Barnes, Robert Robbins, Barry Brown, and Carolyn Miller, all are willing to serve on the commission in 2019.

The motion to approve the report given by Carolyn Miller was made by Jerry; seconded by Jamie and all agreed. A motion was made by Jerry to reinstate all of the previous cemetery commission board members, seconded by Jamie and all agreed. The members are: Nancy Barker, Cyndi Barnes, Robert Robins, Barry Brown, and Carolyn Miller.

REGULAR MEETING – PAGE 2**#4 Nadine Swift – SCER – Employee Structure Change**

Nadine Swift, director of SCER, asked the commissioners to approve a structure change to a para-military form in order to improve work production. Questions asked included: Would they have to paramedics – the answer was no but that someone should be.

Josh tabled the decision of this until the January 22 meeting.

#5 Other Business:

Board Appointments:

Redevelopment Board: Jamie made the motion to keep the Redevelopment Board the same. The motion was seconded by Jerry and all agreed.

The School Endowment Board: Mark Lohide and Jill Cord were the only valid applicants. Jerry made a motion to appoint Mark Lohide to replace Adam Cole, seconded by Jamie and all agreed.

Tec Building Corporation: The motion to reappoint Judge Coy, Roy Leap, and Tye Sullivan was made by Jamie; seconded by Jerry and all agreed.

Florence Regional Sewer District: Vicky Hinman was the only applicant. The position is open since Sandy Maples resigned due to being unable to attend the meetings. Jerry made a motion to table this until the next meeting, seconded by Jamie and all agreed.

Emergency Management: The board member must be a commissioner. Jerry made the motion to appoint Jamie Peters to this board which was seconded by Josh and all agreed.

SIEOC: Bruce will follow up on this.

SIRPC: Jerry made the motion to reappoint Sarah Brichto which was seconded by Jamie and all agreed. A commissioner would also be required. The meetings would be on the first Wednesday of the month at noon. The motion was made by Jamie and seconded by Josh for Jerry to be on the board. The motion passed.

Southeastern Indiana Solid Waste Board: The meetings are held in Versailles 4 times a year at or around noon. Jerry made the motion to appoint Jamie to this board, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

School Endowment Board: Josh volunteered. The motion was made by Jerry to appoint Josh to this board, seconded by Jamie and all agreed.

Tourism Board: The board must be politically balanced. This information is needed so the decision is tabled.

Moorefield Bennington Sewer District Board: This board is no longer in existence and it is run by the commissioners.

Jefferson Township Advisory Board: Since Alan Konkle resigned prior to being sworn in and there is no statute to cover this, there are 2 choices: (1) the commissioners can appoint a replacement or (2) the republicans and appoint a replacement.

Josh felt it would be better to err on the side of caution so the decision will be tabled until the next meeting.

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#6 Commissioner Meeting Protocols

Josh will implement the following changes:

The agenda will be set on Wednesday by 3:30 p.m. before the meeting on the following Monday so that it will be available for review by the commissioners prior to the meeting.

If anyone not on the agenda wishes to be heard, they must come to the front of the room to be on camera, introduce themselves and state the part of the county where they reside.

With no further business to come before the board the motion to adjourn was made by Jerry; seconded by Jamie and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Attest: _____
Carolyn J. Green, Auditor
Switzerland County, Indiana