

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 attorney, Wil Goering, the commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams, and the county auditor, Carolyn Green.

The meeting was called to order by Josh who also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting of April 15th 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 which was seconded by Jamie. There was a point of discussion regarding the claim by Motorola. After the discussion, the motion passed.

#1 Joe DeVito - IDVA - Veteran Demographics

Mr. Devito introduced himself and the need of county's veterans for increased office space and a full-time staff. The VA office is presently open only 2 ½ days a week. It is hoped that each veteran would come in at least once a year to fully utilize the benefits that are available. He is requesting help from the county for office space and salaries for staff beginning in 2020. Jamie made the motion to table the request for further study, seconded by Jerry and the motion passed.

#2 David Hickman - Rezoning SR 56 & BZA Member

David appeared to request a rezoning of approximately 14 acres from forest reserve to agriculture for property at the corner of S.R. 56 and Cogley Cole Road. The neighboring property owners have been duly notified. A Special Exception Permit is requested to allow for cabins and the barn to be used for meetings and parties. Josh abstained due to a conflict of interest. Jerry made the motion to approve the request to petition for the Special Exception Permit. Jamie seconded, Josh abstained, and the motion passed.

Jerry recommended that the motion to enact the ordinance be tabled until Wil could give an opinion on the ordinance. This is to be put on the next meetings' agenda.

#2 Old Business

1. Clinic trees/shrubs: Bruce and Josh felt that they looked good and the work was signed off.
2. Planning & Zoning Appeals board appointment: This appointment cannot be made by the commissioners.
3. Darrell Keith presented the bids for the work on 3 bridges:
 - Bridge 18 on Allensville Road:
 - McAllister Excavating - \$30,680
 - Rohe - \$121,050
 - Bridge 17 on Red Hog Pike:
 - McAllister - 48,585
 - Rohe - \$73,120
 - Bridge 16 on Allensville Road:
 - McAllister - \$30,680
 - Rohe - \$83,640

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Old Business cont'd

Bridge work cont'd: Josh tabled this until the next meeting since the repairs had not been budgeted. They would like to receive more bids hopefully from other local contractors.

4. Request for a quote to rent office space in the Tech Center: This was tabled until pricing could be obtained.

- 5. JSSCCS: Three offers had been made
 - 1. Lattace Biological
 - 2. Town of Vevay
 - 3. Tourism

There are two options: Grant or sell the building or do nothing.

Josh made the motion to give the building to the Town of Vevay with the provision that if the building is sold within 10 years the proceeds would go to the Endowment Fund also if the Town Hall building sells then 25% of the proceeds would go to the Endowment Fund. Jamie seconded the motion. Jerry voted against the motion. Josh and Jamie voted for. The motion passed.

John Haskell asked about alternatives for the seniors. Debbie Allen said that Eric Cole had offered a room for the seniors at the YMCA which was greatly appreciated. The Tech Center is also an alternative. She also felt that there might be another alternative. The seniors have 6 months to vacate.

Bert wanted to know about maintenance for the building.

6. Kuhlman Road: Wil presented the petition to vacate a portion of Kuhlman Road.

7. Bridges 10 & 12: Steve Meyers gave an update on Bridges 10 & 12. Need to advertise on the 16th and 23rd for open bids on June 3rd

With no further business to come before the board, Jerry made the motion to adjourn, Jamie seconded, and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Attest: _____

Carolyn J. Green, Auditor
Switzerland County, Indiana