

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: Grant Dean, Jerry Monjar, and Jamie Peters, and the auditor, Carolyn Green.

Jerry opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Grant made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of January 19th with the following amendment under Section #2 Item A): "There is now a position open on the School Endowment Board because Mark Lohide's term has expired." The motion was seconded by Jerry and the motion passed.

The claims were approved as presented on a motion by Jamie, seconded by Grant and the motion carried.

#1 Gayle Sullivan – County Clerk – Odyssey Contract

Gayle came before the commissioners for their approval/signature on the computer software program contract with Odyssey that the State is making them go with. The commissioners would like to meet with someone from the State about this program before the next commissioners meeting on February 16th. Gayle is to set up this meeting.

#2 Old Business

- 1) **Fitness bids/survey results:** There were 81 employees who responded to the survey: 67 chose the YMCA, 9 chose nothing but preferred a raise, and 5 chose the Body Lab. Based on the survey results, Jerry made a motion to continue with the YMCA, Grant seconded the motion and the motion passed with a vote of 2 to 1. The commissioners requested a report from the YMCA every June and December.

A question about the pool hours arose and Eric Cole, YMCA director, said that the pool hours are posted on their Facebook page.

#3 New Business

- A) **Health Dept. position:** Donna Faber retired on January 29, 2021. Dr. Frede and Dr. Findley appeared to get the commissioners' approval on the hiring of Carly Archer to take her place. There were 15 applicants for this position. Grant made a motion to approve the hiring of Carly Archer contingent upon the county attorney's opinion that the commissioners' approval is even required. Jamie seconded the motion and the motion carried. Jerry will speak to Joe Colussi, the county attorney.
- B) **Health Board vacancy:** The commissioners need to fill a position on the Health Board which was vacated by the resignation of Dr. Sieglitz. This board is made up of 7 members.

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- C) Covid CDBG Ordinance: A new fund must be established for this fund; Fund #8909. This is to fund assistance for small businesses. Jamie made a motion to approve the new fund, seconded by Grant and the motion carried.
- D) Animal Control Officer: Tara Hite, the current animal control officer, has resigned. Jamie made a motion to advertise the position, seconded by Grant and the motion carried.
- E) School Endowment position: Mark Lohide's position is up for renewal so Grant made a motion to run an ad for 2 weeks, seconded by Jerry for discussion. The commissioners requested that the applicants have a letter of interest with their qualifications and why they want to represent the county in this capacity. The commissioners asked the auditor's office to contact the paper.
- F) Highway update: Darrell Keith, highway supervisor, had some welding done on the bridge on Bennington Pike by Culbertson Road to address the noise problem.
- G) MBSD bids: Two bids were received for pumping the tanks at the sewer sites: Big Al's Septic for \$540.00 per load and Hack's Septic for \$550.00 per load. Jamie made a motion to approve the Big Al's Septic bid for up to 10 loads and not to exceed \$5500.00 in cost.
- H) Ice removal at county locations: Some complaints were expressed regarding the ice removal during the last snow. The commissioners would like to see the bill for January 28th since additional salt had to be spread for this date.

With no further business to come before the Board, Jamie made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Grant and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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