

## 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.  
County administrator: Susie Swank, auditor: Yvette Emmich, Highway superintendent: Anthony Thomas.

Grant called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes from the regular meeting on September 6, 2022, special joint meeting on September 8, 2022 and special meeting on September 12, 2022 we all approved as written, motion made by Jerry and seconded by Jamie.

The claims were approved as presented on a motion by Jamie, seconded by Jerry.

### #1 Highway Superintendent – Anthony Thomas

Anthony made the following updates:

- Chip and seal is done for 2022
- The roller machine has been returned and we received a \$2,600 credit
- County mechanic's last day will be September 30. Have not received any applicants.
- Continuing to do cleanup of culverts from flood
- General maintenance on what has been damaged by flood
- Mowing
- Two new hires have completed their CDL and are awaiting testing
- Would like to do the fog seal on the chip and seal roads, will try to get that in this week. Road must be shut down for at least an hour after application. We will advertise on FB when we will close the roads to do this.

### Flood Update:

- Parks Ridge and Smiths Ridge bridge will have inspection tomorrow. Sgt. Booker Road still closed and some dead end roads, as well. Contractor has been working to clean off bridge debris. Will do all 4 bridges.
- Will notify fire department and sheriff office when we plan on doing burn of debris
- Per Jamie, we are still waiting on quotes for all work that needs to be done, the deadline is Wednesday and application must be turned in by Friday to the State to try to qualify for any assistance.

### #2 New Business

a. YMCA Update – George Selix- President of the Board updated the Commissioners in regard to the departure of Eric Cole, CEO; Amy Rathje, WDS; and Lori Singer, YDM. They are actively seeking replacements at this time. Sarah

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Brichto has stepped in to take over as the interim CEO. Also, updated information on the staffing model and hourly employee pay increases.

b. **New Fund Ordinance** - Opioid Settlement Fund – Grant read the ordinances out loud, Jerry made a motion to approve the new fund ordinance and Jamie seconded the motion.

Restricted #1237 – for the purpose of opioid treatment, education and prevention, limited use as per the settlement agreement from the courts.

Unrestricted #1238 - this fund may be spent in the same manner as money in the General fund, as per the settlement agreement from the courts.

c. **Green Light Resolution – Duane Covington** - Duane Covington presented a request for a resolution in support of Operation Green Light for Veterans. This is in observance of the citizens of Switzerland County and a patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window or porch light of their place of business or residence form October through Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

d. **2023 Voluntary Benefits Contract – Katie Miracle with BOST** – Open enrollment update. Katie joined by phone to update the Commissioners on the new vendor for the voluntary benefits that will be available to county employees for 2023. “The Standard” will streamline the voluntary benefits under one umbrella/vendor instead of multiple vendors with better pricing. This includes: life insurance, STD, dental, vision, and a new option for group term life insurance.

e. **Courtroom Ceiling and Decorative Molding contract** - Wullenweber & Sons Plastering presented a quote to repair the court room ceiling, plaster molding and cove transition. Jamie made a motion to approve the quote for \$20,000 to Wullenweber & Sons Plastering for the estimated portion and if the expense is to exceed the quote, he asked they come back for approval of the overages. Jerry seconded the motion.

f. **Courthouse, Exterior Building contract** – CSR Collective Construction submitted a bid for repairs of windows, cleaning and sealing, tuck pointing, repair of soffit, gable, corbels and trim, and painting the exterior of the court house. Grant made a motion to approve this contract with CSR Collective Construction for \$130,601.00 and Jamie seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

Item E and F had been discussed at a prior meeting on September 12, 2022.

**#3 Old Business:**

a. Yvette asked the Commissioners if the October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting could be moved to October 24. We will update the website and signage.

b. member of the audience spoke regarding Evan Hill Road closure. Wanted to know when it would re-open, he is unable to access his property at this point. Anthony is working with IDEM and Janssen & Spaans Engineering to resolve this issue as soon as we can. Jamie recommend we meet with the engineering company in the next week to find a resolution.


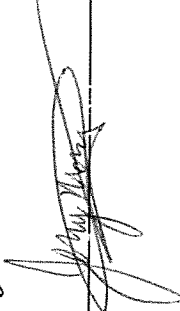
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**#4 Board Reports**

None

No other business from Jerry and Jamie.

With no further business to come before the board, Jerry made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jamie and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

  
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Attest:   
 H. Yvette Emmich, Auditor  
 Switzerland County, Indiana

