

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 and Jerry Monjar. Jamie Peters not present. County administrator: Susie Swank, auditor: Yvette Emmich, Highway superintendent: Anthony Thomas.

Grant called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes from the regular meeting on September 19, 2022, and special meeting on September 19, 2022 were approved as written on a motion by Jerry and seconded by Grant.

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

#1 Highway Superintendent – Anthony Thomas

Anthony made the following updates:

- Two of the new hires have passed their CDL testing for license
- We are continuing to mow alongside roads
- Continuing the cleanup of ditches, roads and culverts
- O'Mara has started asphaltting jobs. Detour Road has been completed and Upper and Lower Dry Fork will be done this week. We will have the 30% minimum of the contract completed by end of year.
- Replaced pipe on Township Road
- Still searching for candidate for the mechanic position, we have had two people apply

Jerry asked how we are with cinders and salt. Anthony stated we are stocked for winter.

Update on the flood clean up, the bridges have all been cleaned off and the road are passable, waiting on FEMA before we proceed with any repairs.

#2 USI Consultants, Inc., - Derek Towle

USI was called by Anthony to do the three (3) bridged inspections in order to submit damage report to FEMA from the September flood. The estimates given are slightly inflated due to making assumptions and not having the surveys done for an exact amount of what materials will be needed. The actual expense to repair should not exceed these estimates. In order to move forward with these repairs, when ready, Anthony would need authorization to sign an "on call" or notice to proceed. At that point USI will be able to do the bid documents, the surveys, geo tech, in order to get the exact information out to the contractors. At which the bids and packages will be received and available to open and review.

- #6 bridge estimate at - \$415,000
- #9 bridge estimate at - \$720,000
- #67 bridge estimate at - \$480,000

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The initial emergency inspection fee is not included, but will be submitted after the reports have been finished. This is not part of the Federal bridge inspection.

#3 New Business:

a. Dog concern – Esther Cook– she is very concerned that the neighbor's pit bull dogs, which have been loose on several occasions, day and night. She does not feel comfortable to sit on her porch, mow her yard, walk around the neighborhood, or getting out of her car. This has been reported numerous times. Animal control has been called several time as well as the sheriff's office. Zak from animal control spoke and noted the number of citations and warnings that the owners have received, previously and currently. He is looking for clarity for the next step to take. Commissioners will consult the county attorney for what our options are and will move forward with a resolution.

b. GAI Consultants Contract for 2023 – Brian Craig – submitted a fee proposal and agreement for the work related to the road asset management plan. This is the fifth year they have done this for the County. Jerry made a motion to approve this proposal/contract with GAI Consultants for \$21,500.00 and Grant seconded the motion.

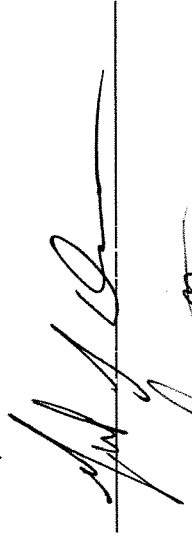
c. Board of Zoning Appeals - Appointment – Patti Kappes, Chris Bolton, Stacy Sams, or Roger Garland – the county council has appointed the last member to this board and the board is now fully staffed. The Commissioners need to select a member to be on the board of zoning and appeals. This person must live in the unincorporated part of the County per County Attorney, Pat McGrath. Jerry made a motion to appoint Patti Kappes to this position. Grant was not prepared to second this motion and so it will be tabled until the next Commissioners meeting.

d. Courthouse – Electrician Quotes - received two quotes, ETC Systems and Housemyer Electric. Grant made a motion to approve the quote from Housemyer Electric for \$3,852.00 with clarification on number of 14 boxes to be replaced. (12 lights and 2 ceiling fans) Jerry seconded the motion.


#3 Old Business:

The next Commissioners meeting will be October 24 and not October 17.

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





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