

SPECIAL MEETING – FRIDAY AT 9:00 A.M.

The Switzerland County Board of Commissioners met in special session pursuant to law and by being duly advertised.

Those present: commissioners: Mark Lohide and Steve Lyons, the county attorney, Wil Goering, the auditor, Gayle Rayles, and the commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams. Commissioner Haskell was absent.

Mark opened the meeting.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss local Red Cross volunteers. In attendance on behalf of the Red Cross were Chris Clerkin, Lisa Clerkin, and George Altepeter.

Mark gave a brief statement about the reason this meeting was called. The Southeastern Chapter of the Red Cross has removed Chris, Lisa, and George from being members of the Southeastern Chapter; which is out of Cincinnati, Ohio.

There has been an issue with the use of the Markland Center for Red Cross to be able to store emergency items. The Southeastern Chapter wanted keys to the building and did not want a telephone or fax line installed. The Markland Center is a county owned building.

The above named local volunteers will resign from the Cincinnati Chapter and transfer to the Louisville Chapter.

There were various other issues discussed. The commissioners wholeheartedly backed the request to move the local Red Cross membership to the Louisville Chapter of the Red Cross.

Wil is to write a letter to John Hill of Homeland Security and Jason Smith, Chairman of the Board for the Southeastern Chapter of the Red Cross, requesting this move. The letter will also advise the Southeastern Chapter of how they can retrieve any items belonging to them.

State Representative Randy Frye may be asked to work for us if problems arise.

With nothing further, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

_____ Attest: _____
 Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor
 Switzerland County, Indiana