

**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: John Haskell, Mark Lohide, and Steve Lyons, the sheriff, Roy Leap, the county attorney, Wil Goering, the auditor, Gayle Rayles, and the commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams.

The meeting was opened by Roy who also led the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 16<sup>th</sup> and the special meeting of September 20<sup>th</sup> were approved as presented on a motion by John, seconded by Steve and all agreed.

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**#1 Ron Hocker – Real Estate**

Ron asked if the commissioners were interested in purchasing the house that is located just west of the jail. He is not interested in selling this property until 2014. No action was taken at this time.

**#2 Sand Run Road Bridge Bids**

The following bids were opened by Wil:

Fred McAlister Excavating	-	\$27,400.00
Romans Excavating	-	\$33,700.00
McAlister's Excavating	-	\$61,396.00
Bovard & Leap Excavating	-	\$28,250.00
Parham Excavating	-	\$37,000.00

These are to be reviewed by the commissioners before any action is taken.

Chris Clerkin, highway superintendent, expects to hear from the Army Corp of Engineers within a week in reference to this bridge.

**#3 Linda Elam – East Enterprise Sewer District**

Linda did not appear.

**#4 Elyssa Haskell –Hummel - Vehicle Insurance**

Elyssa explained the coverage for accidents involving a county vehicle when a county employee is at fault. Bodily injury to employees is covered under workman's compensation. **Family members in the vehicle would not be covered.** Wil stated that family members cannot sue the county because of an accident. Elyssa stated that there is \$5,000.00 medical coverage all injured parties may receive. The county does not carry liability insurance on persons in county owned vehicles.

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**#5 Brian Earley – NaturChem – Weed Control**

Mr. Earley did not appear.

**#6 Tommy Sullivan & Mike Busch – Annex Vending Machine**

Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Busch did not appear.

**#7 Highway Department**

Chris had a change order for \$8,610.00, in reference to the signage grant. There is no cost to the county. The total signage grant will be \$328,157.00 with the change order.

Chris spoke about bridges that need to be replaced. He had a quote of \$39,986.00 for the one on Detour Road and a quote for \$170,197.00 for the one on Bennington Pike.

He also had salt quotes. If it is purchased from the state it will cost \$72.00 per ton and if it is purchased from Central Salt it is \$65.00 per ton delivered. If it is purchased from the state the county would have to pick it up. Chris requested 1,200 tons be purchased from Central Salt. Mark made a motion to purchase 1,200 tons of salt from Central Salt, seconded by John and all agreed.

**#8 Tree Removal Bids**

Mark stated that he has a letter from the postal service requesting that a large tree be removed, for safety reasons, at the intersection of Goodner Road and Bear Branch Road. Mark stated the land owner has agreed to have the tree removed.

John made a motion to advertise for bids. The tree is to be cut down but the wood will remain with the property owner, seconded by Steve and all agreed.

**#9 HCC Letter**

Gayle read a letter from HCC who does risk management for our insurance company. The recommendation is for the county to do annual BMV searches on all current county employees and prospective employees who will be driving county vehicles. She also stated that the county needs to adopt a county vehicle policy. Will work on the policy. Chris said he currently receives notification if a driver for the highway department with a CDL gets cited. Roy indicated that he is not notified. Details of who will see the subsequent BMV searches will be included in the policy.

**#10 Trash Ordinance**

Mark stated the ordinance does not include junk cars. He read the ordinance aloud. This ordinance had been previously discussed during past commissioners' meetings and the reviewed ordinance (without junk cars) was available to be read on the county website.

**REGULAR MEETING – PAGE 3****Trash Ordinance cont'd**

John made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Steve and all agreed.

**#11 New Fund Ordinances (3)**

Steve made a motion to adopt the following three New Fund Ordinances, seconded by John and all agreed.

Fund 8114 – SHSP District Allocation Fed Grant  
Fund 4907 – Mitigation Plan/Maintenance Fund  
Fund 7401 – Development/Interlocal Agreement Fund

**#12 Project Termination Notices**

This is in reference to the completion of the Bennington/Moorefield Sewer Project and the construction of the jail. Mark signed the two forms as requested by IDEM.

**#13 Eagle Agreement**

Wil has reviewed the agreement with the Eagle Accounts Group and approved the contents. Mark signed the agreement.

**#14 Red Cross Update**

Wil stated that the Lawrenceburg Red Cross has not picked up their items at the Markland Center. He will contact them again. He is also looking into realigning our chapter with the Jefferson County and Louisville chapters.

**#15 IT Person**

Gayle suggested that the commissioners should think about hiring an IT person. This would most likely save money. Wil spoke about the savings that Jefferson County gained after hiring and IT person. No action was taken at this time.

**#16 Tree Planting – Courthouse Lawn**

The local bar association would like to have a tree planted in the courthouse lawn in memory of Millie Coy. The commissioners approved this request by consensus and will advise where to plant the tree.

**#17 Bicentennial Annex Rental**

Gayle asked if the commissioners would like to waive the rental fee for the Tech Center for the bicentennial activities. The commissioners decided against this idea.

**REGULAR MEETING – PAGE 4****#18 Commissioners' Conference**

Gayle asked for confirmations on who will be attending the commissioner's conference in December. Steve, Mark, and Chris will be going. Gayle will take care of the registration and accommodations

**#19 Vending Machine Agreement**

Mark signed the vending machine agreement for the annex building.

**#20 Historical Plaque**

Judy Kappes contacted John about hanging a plaque honoring Revolutionary War Veterans in the courthouse. Rick Starker might want to help hang the plaque.

**#21 Poston Road – Patriot Water Company**

Steve received a call from a resident on Poston Road about getting water to the residents on this road. Mark Helt advised that there is already an old water line at the bottom of the hill.

**#22 Rosemary Bovard – Thank You**

Rosemary wanted to thank all of the emergency personnel that assisted with her son's (Jeremy's) house fire.

**#23 Connie Wallace – EMA**

Connie had previously emailed an EMA update to the commissioners. The full scale exercise was very successful.

She requested that the commissioners sign a grant for funds to cover a hazardous mitigation plan to be prepared by an outside consulting firm. The commissioners agreed by consensus.

She also asked that Laura Wentworth's contract with the District 9 grant administration be extended 2 months; the cost will be covered by grant funds. Mark made a motion to extend her time, seconded by Steve and all agreed.

Connie is working on having the radios narrow banded

**#24 Riverboat Revenue**

John mentioned getting all parties together involved in Della Swincher's proposal.

**#25 Farmers and Artisans Market**

The Farmers and Artisans Market opened this past weekend and was very successful.

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With no further business to come before the board, Mark made a motion to adjourn, seconded by John and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor  
Switzerland County, Indiana