

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: Mark Lohide, Steve Lyons, and Josh South, the county attorney, Wil Goering, the sheriff, Roy Leap, 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 previous meetings of September 15th and September 17th, were approved as presented on a motion by Mark, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

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#1 Chance Brofft - Innovative Energy Solutions

Mr. Brofft explained the preventive maintenance work that his company performs at the courthouse, jail, and other county buildings. After some discussion the commissioners thanked Mr. Brofft for the information.

#2 Jim Devers - Posey Lane

Mr. Devers had requested to meet with the commissioners in reference to vehicles driving on his property and then turning around. (The commissioners had an aerial view of the property which indicated each lot owners' property.) After a lengthy discussion the commissioner advised Mr. Devers that they would look into the turnaround problem.

#3 Innovative Energy Solutions Maintenance Agreements

Mark made a motion to approve both contracts, for the courthouse and jail, Josh seconded the motion and all agreed.

#4 Highway Department

Superintendent Darrell Keith requested the commissioners view pictures that showed damage and a retaining wall that had fallen into a creek. This damage is located at Grants Creek and Oatman Hill Road. The pictures were taken by a Mr. Thomas Kluener. There was some discussion but no action was taken at this time.

Obtaining road salt quotes were discussed.

Lester Moore stated that he had suffered a stroke in 2009 and is on a leave of absence. He stated he feels well enough to go back to work and requested to be re-instated.

Steve stated that at the present time there is not a job opening at the highway department and the county would need medical proof that he would be able to work. Nothing further.

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#5 Brad Bender - FPBH Inc.

Brad stated that the notice to proceed on the Adkinson Hill project is pending; 2 of the 4 right-of-entry forms have been signed. Bruce is to get in touch again with the other 2 landowners.

There were two items on the McAlister bid that were left blank and were not included. 1. A supplies list, 2. The use of sub-contractors. After some discussion, Mark made a motion to waive the 2 bid list items, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

Josh told Brad the commissioners appreciated the rebate that the county had received for geo tech work.

Josh requested the FPBH list and map for road projects be placed on the county's website.

Adkinson Hill Road Repair Bid: Mark made a motion to approve McAlister's Adkinson Hill Road bid, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

Other issues discussed:

- A. USDA projects and permits
- B. Access to Popcorn Ridge project
- C. Working in creeks to clear out culverts - limitations
- D. Steve signed the form for permit applications
- E. Guard rails have been installed on Bridge #66
- F. Bob Stivers spoke about guard rails missing on Dugan Road near Oatman Hill Road

#6 Other Business

- A) *Memo of Understanding:* Josh made a motion to approve the donation of an older sheriff's car to the Town of Vevay that would be used to support the school's resource officer.
- B) Josh is going to call Mark Archer in reference to junk cars in the land development in Posey Township.
- C) Josh requested that Gayle provide a list of the county's boards, the names of board members, and who makes the appointments.
- D) *Couthouse breezeway floor:* Repairs were discussed but no action was taken.
- E) *Long-arm mower bids:* Wil advised the mower bid from Brown's Implement meets the specifications. The commissioners stated that the "joy stick" is needed at an additional cost of \$5,900.00. (Note: next year tractor costs may be an extra 15%). Josh made a motion to approve the additional cost of \$5,900.00 for the "joy stick", seconded by Mark and all agreed.

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- F) *Veterans' resolution (TBI and PTSD):* After some discussion, Steve made a motion to pass the resolution, seconded by Mark and the motion carried with a vote of 2 to 1 with Josh voting no.
- G) *Push mowers for the courthouse and senior center:* Tabled until next spring.
- H) *Soft drink machine at the courthouse:* The commissioners decided to have the soft drink machine removed from the courthouse due to not being serviced adequately. Mark stated he would contact Tommy Sullivan to see if he would supply a soft drink machine, for the courthouse and maybe one for the highway garage. Mark made a motion for Tommy Sullivan to replace the machine at the courthouse, seconded by Josh and all agreed. (Wil is to provide a contract like the contract for the soft drink machine at the annex.)

#7 Connie Wallace - EMA (not on the agenda)

Connie and Roy Leap presented the commissioners a new list of 800 frequency radios and how many radios each department would need. The Vevay Police Department was not included.

The date for the required re-programming has been changed to March 2015.

Josh requested that the purchase of radios should include the Vevay Police Department since the grants are going to the EMA and not the county.

Grant money that may be used to purchase or re-program radios are as follows: \$25,000.00 - pending radio grant, \$10,000.00 - re-band money that is available now, \$5,000.00 - EMA's grant money which is available now but expires October 15, 2014, and \$8,400.00 - for 2014 EMPL which will be awarded soon.

Other Issue Discussed:

1. Security cameras and an antenna at the annex.
2. Backup Emergency Operating Center (EOC) at the highway garage.
3. Price changes for radios after the first of the year (may be less).
4. Connie would like to move to the upstairs of the annex.
5. Connie requested to be re-appointed as the EMA director - no action was taken.
6. Connie advised that the \$5,100.00 grant will expire October 15, 2014. She requested advice on how the commissioners want the money spent. After some discussion, they advised her to purchase 2 Motorola brand 800 frequency radios at a cost of approximately \$2,500.00 each.

Josh made a motion to purchase 2 radios from the \$5,100.00 grant, Mark seconded the motion and all agreed. Commissioners are to attend the county council meeting to request the funds needed to replace every Motorola radio and re-program the mobiles.

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#8 Jon Bond - EDC

Jon was present and spoke about a gaming study committee meeting that will be taking place in Indianapolis.

With no further business to come before the board, Mark made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Josh and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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