

SPECIAL MEETING – MONDAY AT 5:00 P.M.

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

Those present: commissioners: Mark Lohide, Steve Lyons, and Josh South, the auditor, Gayle Rayles, and the commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams.

Steve opened the meeting.

The purpose of this special meeting is to award the bid for the Popcorn Ridge Road repairs and for Bridge #66 work.

Bernie Hausperger, with FPBH, discussed the quotes for Popcorn Ridge and Bridge #66. There is still one right-of-entry form missing from a property owner who lives out of town. There is also an issue with updating the SAM site which the USDA requires in order to process grant funding for the projects.

Gayle explained that she has been working on the SAM site. The problem is that there is no administrator on the site and access is being denied. She is working on the problem and hopes to have it resolved soon. Until this is done the funding from the USDA is on hold. Josh commented that the County would go forward with the repairs even if the USDA funds are denied. There was some discussion on this. It was the consensus of the commissioners that the work would continue even if the funding was not provided by the USDA.

Steve and Josh asked whether the quotes received were in proper order and Bernie said they were; thus he read the only quote the county received on this project from Parham Excavating for \$103,000; the FPBH estimate was \$140,000. The commissioners asked why there were not more quotes. Some of the local contractors are busy on other projects. The pressure grout that was in the specs was to be subcontracted to a company who does this type of work and has examples of projects they'd worked on that called for this special process. Steve asked Joe Parham about that specific requirement and then stated that Bovard Excavating had an issue with the grout provider. Joe Parham said that he had considered the pressure grout but had an alternate plan that he felt would be just as effective and in the end could prove to be better. After a discussion on how he planned to proceed, Bernie agreed that the alternate process would be acceptable.

There was a discussion on pre-bid meetings for future projects so that all contractors interested in bidding would be on the same page.

Josh made a motion to accept the Parham Excavating quote pending the right-of-entry form being received and the funding from the USDA being approved, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

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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 5:28 p.m.

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