

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 sheriff, Nathan Hughes, the county attorney, Wil Goering, the auditor, Gayle Rayles, and the commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting of January 20th were approved with the following corrections: "Steve was appointed to the SISWD (Southeastern Indiana Solid Waste District) board and Josh was appointed to the SWCD (Soil and Water Conservation District) board. Mark made the motion to approve the minutes with the corrections, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

The claims were approved as presented on a motion by Josh, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

#1 Carla Burkhart – LifeTime Housing Group – Lien Release

Ms. Burkhart requested that the commissioners sign a lien release that had expired (3 years). Mark made a motion to sign the lien release, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

#2 Herschal Lewallen – Fire Alarm Security Tech (F.A.S.T.) – Contract Renewal

The contract is for all of the county facilities. The contract price is the same as 2014 at a cost of \$7,250.00. The facilities that are covered under this contract are: the courthouse, the jail, the health department, the senior center, the tech building, the highway garage, and the animal shelter. Josh made a motion to accept the contract, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

#3 Bert Allen – Floor Cleaning Equipment

Bert and the commissioners discussed the purchase of a "mini mag"; a floor cleaning, stripping, and waxing machine. The machine could be used at the courthouse, the tech building, and the health department.

Josh wanted to make sure that there was a commitment from the courthouse maintenance workers to use the machine and not hire outside help to use it. Bert stated he would use the machine. The price is \$7,422.15 plus \$300.00 for a wax applicator. Josh made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

#4 Kurt Kegerreis – Southeastern Indiana Workforce Investment Board

Mr. Kegerreis distributed information to the commissioners that outlined the board's accomplishments from July 2013 through June 2014; he is the board's director. He also said that Mike Busch is on this board and Mike does an excellent job representing our area.

There was also a letter from Mark Cash, a Jefferson County Commissioner, who is the chief elected official for the S.I.W.I.B., requesting support for Region 9's designation as a local region under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act of 2014 and preserve the 10-county region as presently defined.

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Kurt Kegerreis – Southeastern Indiana Workforce Investment Board cont'd

There was a discussion about the board's assistance with high school graduates. At the present time only Seymour and Madison high schools were involved.

The commissioners tabled signing the request to allow more time to read the information Mr. Kegerreis gave them.

#5 Keli Gabbard – Animal Shelter Update

Keli gave the commissioners the activity report for 2014. Josh had a question about when should someone call the sheriff's department for assistance with an animal related issue. She recommended calling them when there was no answer from the shelter workers. Keli has met with the sheriff.

Josh also stated that they should utilize the phone system for messages when they are on a call or away from the shelter. Keli is to check with Nancy Craig for information on setting up the call system.

#6 Highway Department

Darrell Keith, highway superintendent, and Bernie Hauersperger, of FPBH, had the following items for discussion:

1. The county highway department should be able to do the rest of the Popcorn Ridge Road repairs.
2. Property owners need to be contacted to get right-of-way permission for Bride #5 on Bennington Pike. Steve will do this.
3. Adkinson Hill Road punch list was completed last Friday.

#7 Other Business

- A. Floor in courthouse breezeway: There was a discussion about repairs to the vinyl in the courthouse breezeway. The Floor Gallery of Madison gave an estimate of \$1,900.00 last year. Bruce is to contact the Floor Gallery to obtain a new estimate.
- B. Tourism Board: Kathy Williams, Don Talbert, and Tony Gregory have 3-year terms on the tourism board. Josh made a motion to make their terms 2 years, seconded by Mark and all agreed. Conflict of interest forms for the tourism board members were signed.
- C. Companies outside of the county quoting liability insurance: After some discussion, the commissioners agreed to allow this.
- D. Effective date of dental insurance for elected officials: The commissioners agreed to make this coverage effective January 1st, or the day the official takes office, instead of the following month.
- E. EMA director: There was a discussion about an elected official being the EMA director. Wil stated that an elected official can be interviewed and if appointed he or she would have to resign the elected position. Per the EMA ordinance, the director cannot be involved in political activities. No date has been set for interviews.
- F. Bob Stivers – county resident: Mr. Stivers had 3 questions.
 1. Why did contractors do the Popcorn Ridge Road work and not the highway department? Steve explained the reason to Mr. Stiver's satisfaction.
 2. Were all permits obtained – yes.
 3. He asked about ford repairs on Popcorn Ridge Road. Bernie and Darrell answered.

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Other Business cont'd

G. Percentage of money to Jefferson County: Steve said that the Jefferson County commissioners had voted to not renew their contract with Midcorp. Ten percent of the Interlocal Agreement funds Jefferson County receives are specified to go to Midcorp. If the break their contract for fail to renew it, we may withhold the 10% designated for Midcorp. There was a discussion on the contract.

H. Other items discussed:

1. Dirt work at the health department by KDH
2. Carroll County Hospital is planning on putting a nurse managed clinic in Vevay in the building Dr. Willage previously had his office in.

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 6:15 p.m.

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