

**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.

Minutes of the previous meeting of September 8<sup>th</sup> were approved as presented on a motion by Mark, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

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**#1 Dr. Frede/Steve Konkle – Smoke Free Policy**

There was a discussion about the Health Department and the Nurse Managed Clinic being a smoke-free facility.

The health officer, Dr. Frede, was present; along with health board member, Dr. Findley, and NMC board member, Steve Konkle.

There is wording in the \$247,000.00 NMC grant that states the facility (will) be a smoke-free facility.

There were several options that were discussed:

1. The commissioners cannot carve out one particular area. If they declare a smoke-free campus it will be for all county-owned buildings, grounds, and vehicles.
2. Would the state requirement: No smoking within 8 feet of a county building, satisfy the grant requirement. Wil said no because the grant is federal money.
3. The NMC will be declared smoke free by their board. This will be done at their September 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.
4. Wil had received 2 copies of grants from Dr. Frede. He will advise the commissioners on what action they should take after reviewing these documents. Wil should have this information by next week. Nothing further.

**#2 EMA Appointment**

Josh stated that the EMA board had interviewed applicants for the EMA director position. The board recommended Thomas Moore be appointed for this position. Josh made a motion to appoint Mr. Moore to be the EMA director, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

**#3 Keli Gabbard – Animal Shelter Quarterly Report**

Keli gave the commissioners information on activity at the animal shelter for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.

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**#4 Highway Department**

Darrell Keith, highway supervisor, reported that Markland Pike Road will be closed during the day for repairs which should be completed this week.

Sixty-four lane miles of chip and seal have been done.

Mark and Darrell discussed spreader boxes. The plan is to purchase 9 spreader boxes.

The highway work schedule will go back to five 8-hour days per week beginning September 28<sup>th</sup>.

The long-arm is being repaired; a pump failure.

**#5 Other Business**

Quotes for commodes and a water softener system: This quote is for the replacement of 2 commodes and a scale blaster for the restrooms in the original part of the courthouse. The quote for the 2 commodes and a scale blaster is \$2,525.35. There was a quote for just a water softener for \$3,327.70; a commercial unit is needed due to the 2" water line.

After some discussion the commissioners requested that Lonnie Harris be asked if a line can be run from the water softener in the new part of the courthouse to the original part of the courthouse. Bruce is to let the commissioners know his findings.

Clinic ac/heating problems: This problem is due to a design issue. There are comfort problems in 5 key areas in the NMC. The quote from Comfort Systems is \$12,460.00. This is for the installation of a Mitsubishi heat pump ductless system. It would probably take 2 men to install the equipment in approximately 1 week. There was further discussion but no action was taken.

AC/Heating maintenance contracts: John Brofft, of Innovative Energy Systems, was present to discuss the yearly maintenance contracts. The courthouse yearly maintenance contract renewal price is \$7,264.00 and the jail yearly maintenance contract renewal price is \$7,357.00.

The county also has maintenance contracts for the tech building and the health department building. These contracts are due in March of 2016.

Josh asked Mr. Brofft if all 4 contracts could be combined and to make one payment for all 4 contracts. Mr. Brofft will do this and will have the information for the next meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**#6 Other Items Discussed**

- A. Steve discussed shipping dates for the new Jeep for Planning and Zoning.
- B. James Brogan, temporary maintenance man, is to have knee surgery on October 6<sup>th</sup>.
- C. Mark spoke about the help from Mark Helt, of the health department, regarding the removal of trash and other items at the old restaurant in East Enterprise and that Mark Archer, of Planning and Zoning, had taken care of a weed complaint also in East Enterprise.
- D. Mark also thanked Josh for the time he spent on the EMA director selection.

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**Other Items Discussed cont'd**

- E. Keli Gabbard stated that she is working with the state veterinarian in reference to the bucket calf operations at Fairview, Bennington, and Allensville.
- F. Rosemary Bovard asked about the slippage on the berm at the new Bennington Pike Bridge. Darrell is to inspect this site.

With no further business to come before the board, Mark made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Josh and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor  
Switzerland County, Indiana