

REGULAR MEETING - TUESDAY 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 and Josh South, the sheriff, Nathan Hughes, the county attorney, Wil Goering, the auditor, Gayle Rayles, and the commissioners' assistant Bruce Williams. Commissioner Lyons arrived about 15 minutes late.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting of February 1st were approved on a motion by Mark and seconded by Josh.

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

#1 Katie Collier - Indian Creek Watershed Project Update

Katie gave the commissioners a copy of the annual report on the Switzerland County SWCD for 2015 for their review. She said they received a \$75,000.00 grant (Clean Water Indiana Funds) with Ripley County to help landowners implement cover crops and progressive crop scouting, including a system with aerial imaging and tissue sampling and soil testing. The deadline for application is April 30th and the grant paid \$11,097.00 in 2015 in the county. The Indian Creek Watershed Project was completed at the end of January and \$181,717.55 (90%) was paid out of the \$202,000.00 that was available for cost share payments, \$21,285.25 was paid from the Clean Water Indiana Grant with Dearborn County and Ohio County for various projects, and county cost programs were mentioned. Katie went over other programs and the number of customers they dealt with at the SWCD office for 2015. The SWCD annual meeting is set for March 10th at 6:30 p.m. at the JSSCSCC.

#2 Peg Ehlers - Tech Building Conference Room

Peg came to ask the commissioners about the Extension Office's use of the Tech Building during the 4H Fair. She wanted to make sure they could use the facility during severe weather. The commissioners didn't have a problem with the 4H participants/Extension Office using the Tech Building during bad weather. The fair is July 9th thru the 16th.

#3 Kerry McConnell - SIRPC Owner Occupied Grant

Kerry came to get the resolution passed for the Owner Occupied Rehab Grant that was approved last October. The grant was for \$350,000.00. They also have a Switzerland County Historical Preservation Grant that is for \$11,199.00 and then the Switzerland County Council has committed \$23,801.00. She also had the grant agreement that needed approval and signatures. This was tabled until Steve Lyons arrives so all 3 commissioners could sign.

(Steve Lyons arrived at this point and chaired the rest of the meeting.)

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#4 Highway Department

Darrell Keith, highway supervisor, stated that the new hoop storage building on SR129 worked out well and saved trips to the highway garage during the past snows. Mark had a question about overtime/comp time pay. The employee manual is to be reviewed.

#5 Other Business

- A. The following new fund ordinance was approved on a motion by Josh, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

SWITZERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Ordinance Number _____

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW FUND

FUND NUMBER 1151 – EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FUND

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

- 1. There is hereby established a fund to be known as the "Emergency Medical Services Fund" ("the Fund"). Said Fund shall be funded by casino revenue and the contract amount from the general fund.
- 2. The purpose of this Fund shall be to pay for emergency services for the county.
- 3. This shall be a non-reverting Fund.
- 4. Said Fund shall be spent in accordance with the general rules as to which other Funds of the county are subject.

Adopted this 16th day of February, 2016.

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Other Business cont'd

The following new fund ordinance was approved on a motion by Josh, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW FUND

FUND NUMBER 9106 – CFSC 2016 GRANT FUND

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. There is hereby established a fund to be known as the "CFSC 2016 Grant Fund" ("the Fund"). Said Fund shall be funded by grant money from the Community Foundation of Switzerland County.
2. The purpose of this Fund shall be to pay for Sharps supplies and disposal.
3. This shall be a non-reverting Fund.
4. Said Fund shall be spent in accordance with the general rules as to which other Funds of the county are subject.

Adopted this 16th day of February, 2016.

- B. Countywide cleanup: The countywide cleanup in conjunction with the Town of Vevay is set for April 22nd, 23rd, 24th on a motion by Mark, which was seconded by Josh and all agreed.
- C. Fire departments: Josh spoke about the fire departments that are up and running and would run under the county's EMS plan mentioning East Enterprise Volunteer Fire Department and Moorefield Volunteer Fire Department. The Posey Volunteer Fire Department does not have the space to store an ambulance. Bill Leap, representing Jeff-Craig Volunteer Fire Department, had questions about selling equipment and compensation. He did not say if his department would or wouldn't work under the county's plan. He said that a department meeting will be held on February 17th.

The insurance and maintenance costs were discussed. An ALS (Advanced Life Support) ambulance may be ready with Jeff-Craig Volunteer Fire Department in July of this year.

- D. Animal control ordinance: Wil had been asked to review this ordinance at the last meeting. He advised that there is no need for a change in wording. The ordinance follows what the state requires. Steve asked about the recourse for someone whose dog is killed by other dogs. Wil said that the owner could be cited for allowing the animal to run at large. The dogs should be declared vicious animals and could be quarantined at home. Ann Mulligan asked if the dogs had received rabies shots. Josh asked if the ordinance would cover another animal that was killed. Wil is to advise about this at a later date.

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Other Business cont'd

- E. Landscaping bids: Bruce is to advertise for bid for the courthouse landscaping maintenance.
- F. Flag poles for the courthouse memorial: These have been ordered.
- G. East Enterprise Regional Sewer District board appointment: This appointment was tabled until the next meeting.
- H. Ambulance purchase: Nadine Swift, EMS director, advised the commissioners that she had been looking at various ambulances and prices, mostly on line. A discussion followed. She found the following ambulances: Type 1 with 56,000 miles for \$56,000.00 (used), Type 3 for \$57,000.00 (used), and Type 3 a 2015 E450 pl Ford for \$129,269.00 after a discount of \$5,000.00 (new). Gas versus diesel engines were discussed. Jeff Darling said there had been problems with the 2006 Ford 6 liter diesel and advised against purchasing this type.

Wil advised the commissioners that they could make a purchase without bids as there is an urgent need for the vehicle and there are already extra quotes. He advised inspecting anything before it is purchased

Steve suggested that a new ambulance be purchased. Josh made a motion to purchase the 2015 Ford E450 pl at a cost of \$129,269.00, seconded by Mark and all agreed. The cost of outfitting an ambulance was also discussed.

- I. EERSD: Mark said that the East Enterprise Regional Sewer District had applied for a \$700,000.00 grant from SISWD. IDEM is ok with the sewer plant at this time. The system is 20 years old.

#6 Audience Questions

Cary Louderback had a question about future board members being paid.

Bobby Gabbard asked about changes that future commissioners could make. Steve stated that there would be 10 people (commissioners/council) involved in any change.

Rosemary Bovard asked about the number of part-time and full-time people that would be employed with the new ambulance service. A total of 21 full and part-time was mentioned.

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With no further business to come before the board, Josh made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mark and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Attest:

Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor
Switzerland County, Indiana