

**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: Mark Lohide, Jerry Monjar, and Josh South, the county attorney, Wil Goering, the sheriff, Nathan Hughes, 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 February 6<sup>th</sup>, were approved as presented on a motion by Mark, seconded by Jerry and all agreed.

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**#1 Kerry McConnell – SIRPC - Rehab Program Bids**

This was a scheduled public meeting for the rehab program. Wil read aloud the bids for owner-occupied renovations. There are 8 properties. Mark made a motion to accept the low bids on 6 properties; the other 2 properties only had 1 bid and were put on hold.

Kerry also advised the commissioners that the next opportunity for OCRA grants would be 2018. Homeowners can contact SIRPC to be added to the waiting list.

**#2 Herschal Lewallen – F.A.S.T. Contracts**

These are the service agreements for inspecting and diagnostic tests and servicing the fire alarm/detecting equipment. The contract covers the courthouse, the jail, the medical building, the senior citizen building, the tech building, the highway garage, the animal shelter, and the SCER building at a cost of \$7,375.00. This is the same price as last year except for an additional \$185.00 for the SCER building. Mark made a motion to accept the bid, seconded by Jerry and all agreed.

**#3 Other Business**

Courthouse tile: The tile installed last year in front of the courthouse doors in the new part is coming up due to moisture. Wesley will repair the threshold on the exterior doors.

Courthouse & tech building doors: The back door of the courthouse has not been closing properly. Your Automatic Door Company had a proposal for \$538.00 to repair the door. The same company had a proposal to repair/replace the manual closer on the front door of the tech building in the amount of \$460.00. A discussion followed. Josh asked the sheriff if any changes were going to be made that would affect the courthouse doors when we add security. A discussion followed about security and the door

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repair. Nathan is going to ask someone to advise him about security options. Josh asked Wesley Poling, courthouse maintenance, if he could repair the thresholds. Mark made a motion to accept the proposals for both doors, seconded by Jerry and all agreed.

**Conflict of interest forms:** The commissioners signed the required forms for Patty Chase and Larry Stewart, who are members of the Florence Regional Sewer District board.

**Back-up ems service agreement:** The commissioners had an agreement to make a donation to the Moorefield and East Enterprise fire departments for backup ambulance runs. They are to be reimbursed \$150.00 for each run they make where the county receives at least \$500.00. A discussion followed about how many runs each fire department made, billing and income issues from insurance, Medicare, and Medicaid. Jerry is working with Nadine Swift, SCER director, to figure out how much money is due to be donated to the 2 fire departments. (Jeff-Craig and Posey fire departments did not have an agreement.)

**Merit Board meeting:** Sheriff Nathan Hughes asked the commissioners for the use of a courthouse room for a public merit board meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. The commissioners agreed by consensus to allow the use of the building.

**Maximus contract:** Mark made a motion to approve the 2017 contract with Maximus; who does our indirect cost billing to the state for child support. The motion was seconded by Jerry and all agreed.

**Saundra Adams – NMC:** Saundra said the phone system was better but more needs to be done. Bruce is to contact Dave Muncey of CenturyLink.

**Lobbyist:** Josh explained that the county is hiring a new lobbyist to help protect our gaming revenue. Grounded in Grassroots, Marissa Lynch, will be our new representative.

**Mr. Bob Stivers:** Mr. Stivers inquired about the slide on Evans Hill Road, Lewis & Kappes, and quarterly reports from the Switz. County Economic Development Commission.

**Rosemary Bovard:** Rosemary had a question about the emergency tests on January 12<sup>th</sup>; it was at 6:00 p.m. on land lines only.

Mark reported that the new (used) grader had been delivered.

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Josh spoke about bridge replacements; Bridge #8 on Pendleton Run and Bridge #35 on Quercus Grove Road. Bruce is to ask Darrell Keith, highway department supervisor, to start obtaining permits.

Councilman Glenn Scott requested a joint meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup> immediately following the regular council meeting. Josh stated they would be discussing the EERSD and payment for the tech building.

With no further business to come before the board, Mark made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Jerry and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

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Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor  
Switzerland County, Indiana