

SPECIAL MEETING – WEDNESDAY 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, Jerry Monjar, and Josh South, and the auditor, Gayle Rayles.

The meeting was called to order by Josh, who also led the pledge of allegiance.

**#1 Elyssa Haskell - Hummel Insurance**

Elyssa Haskell explained the increase of 7 1/2%. Approximately 6% is due to equipment additions, upgrades, and replacement of old vehicles with newer models, plus SCER ambulances and equipment. They also added the Patriot Boat Ramp and shelters and the Bryants Creek Boat Ramp. The county rating has also been changed because, at the time of the last jail inspection the State indicated that we are short Jailers.

There was discussion on landslides and earth movement coverage. The county has earthquake coverage; but the land slide coverage is specifically excluded from the general liability coverage. Elyssa will search to see if this type of liability coverage is available from other companies.

Mark made a motion to renew our policies through Hummel to include terrorism, cyber security and earthquake coverages which was seconded by Jerry and the motion passed. The total premium will be \$150,623.00.

**#2 Bridge Bids**

**Bridge #26**

Josh read the bids allowed again for repairs to Bridge #26 (repair where stream washed out areas around foundations supporting bridge):

Angel Excavating	\$44,900.00
Parham Excavating	\$119,000.00
McAlister Excavating	\$76,500.00

Janssen & Spaans had estimated the cost to be \$60,840.00.

After some discussion, Mark made a motion to accept McAlister Excavating's bid for \$76,500.00. The motion was seconded by Josh and all agreed.

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**Bridge Bids cont'd****Engineering bids for Bridge #8 replacement of Bridges #8 & #35 repair**

There were four bids, but one of the firms, Civil Con, was the only bid on one of the projects. The commissions discussed giving both projects to one firm as they hope to have both run simultaneously. Josh also mentioned that he felt the Janssen & Spaans bid was too high. The other two bids were:

Landwater: \$67,900 on #8	\$24,000 on #35
FPB&H: \$41,900 on #8	\$49,400 on #35

After some discussion, Josh made a motion to accept the bids from FPB&H, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

**County Engineer**

Josh mentioned hiring a county engineer. He pointed out that if the county had an engineer the state would reimburse the county \$20,000.00 of their salary. If we shared an engineer with another county that amount would be \$10,000.00.

**Accept appraiser proposal**

Jerry made a motion to accept the appraiser's proposal for the Switz. Co. Technology and Education Center appraisal needed for the 2017 Bonds, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

**Highway Department**

There was a discussion on paving and chip and seal for 2017. Mark said he had spoken to Council about money for these projects and has the understanding that they want the commissioners to spend the casino money they have first and come to them if there is a shortfall.

Darrell said that Markland Pike needs to have chip and seal and Pleasant Grove Road is beyond that process and would have to be paved.

The plan is to pave Plum Creek and Pleasant Grove roads for approximately \$350,000.00 and to spend approximately \$200,000.00 on chip and seal. Darrell will work on exact locations, mileage and cost.

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With no further business to come before the board, Mark made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jerry and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

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Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor  
Switzerland County, Indiana