

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 21, 2017

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, Jerry Monjar, and Josh South, the county attorney, Wil Goering, the auditor, Gayle Rayles, and the commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams.

The meeting was opened by President Josh South with the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the regular August 7, 2017 meeting were approved on a motion by Mark and seconded by Jerry and all agreed.

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

#1 Doug Foster - ETC

Doug represents Enhanced Telecommunications Corp. (ETC), a fiber internet services provider with headquarters in Sunman, IN. They offer phone, internet and long distance services and would like to give us a quote. Doug said that they have service in Switzerland County that could cover the courthouse. There was a brief discussion on the other locations we have. He felt they should also be able to take care of them but will check into this. They also provide equipment leasing. Currently they do not offer residential service. Doug is to contact the Auditor's office for details needed for a quote.

#2 Julie Berry - Midwestern Engineering

Julie brought a contract from Midwestern Engineering for the EERSD project. There was some discussion on why the commissioners had to sign the contract rather than the East Enterprise Regional Sewer District. Julie explained that the Grant can only be awarded to a municipality and therefore it is in the name of the county since they provided the matching funds. The commissioners had not seen the contract prior to the meeting and were reluctant to sign it without having an opportunity to read it and Wil reviewing it. Julie was also to have them sign the agreement with SIRPC appointing them Grant Administrator. This was a similar situation with the commissioners not having previously received the agreement. Julie pointed out that there is a very tight IDEM schedule which called for the contract and agreement to be approved on 8/21/17. Mark made a motion to approve the contract contingent upon review by the commissioners and their attorney, Jerry seconded the motion and motion passed.

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#3 Highway Department

Darrell gave updates on:

- Chip and Seal
- He has a meeting tomorrow with Bernie about bridge bids
- Crews have been working on trimming trees and school bus turnarounds
- Still working on permits for Culbertson Road and Markland Pike
- Fishing Worm will require permitting

#4 Other Business

New Fund Ordinances: All four new fund ordinance were approved on a motion by Mark and seconded by Jerry:

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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW FUND

FUND NUMBER 9119 – COMM. FDN. GRANT/PROBATION DEPT. FUND

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

1. There is hereby established a fund to be known as the "Comm. FDN. Grant/Probation Dept. Fund" ("the Fund"). Said Fund shall be funded by grant money from the Community Foundation of Switzerland County, Inc.
2. The purpose of this Fund shall be for Switzerland County Jail inmate education.
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.

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Other Business cont'd

New Fund Ordinances cont'd:

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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW FUND

FUND NUMBER 8202 – EERSD OCRA 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 "EERSD OCRA Grant Fund" ("the Fund"). Said Fund shall be funded by grant money from the State.
2. The purpose of this Fund shall be to receipt in grant money to pay East Enterprise Regional Sewer District expenses.
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.

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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW FUND

FUND NUMBER 8203 – EERSD OCRA GRANT – RETENTION FUND

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

1. There is hereby established a fund to be known as the "EERSD OCRA Grant - Retention Fund" ("the Fund"). Said Fund shall be funded by grant money from the State.
2. The purpose of this Fund shall be to receipt in grant dollars and pay contractor claims.
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.

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Other Business cont'd

New Fund Ordinances cont'd:

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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW FUND

FUND NUMBER 8204 – LOCAL ROAD/BRIDGE MATCHING 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 "Local Road/Bridge Matching Grant Fund" ("the Fund"). Said Fund shall be funded by State grant dollars.
2. The purpose of this Fund shall be to receipt in Community Grant Funds and pay expenses for road and bridge improvements.
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.

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Fall Clean-up: Darrell reported that he had not gotten a quote from Best-Way. This is not their normal type of service but may be able to help. Rumpke offered to send compacting trucks but they would only be there on Saturday for a short period of time. There is no new quote from them on dumpsters.

Trustee Claim for Fence Replacement: Gayle presented a copy of a claim from the Cotton Township Trustee for a fence she paid for out of township funds that the property owner refused to take care of. Wil explained that the claim needs to be paid by the Auditor out of the General Fund and the amount added to the property owner's next property tax bill (due in November). Mark made a motion to approve the claim, Jerry seconded and all agreed.

Mark asked if the County had received any interest in mowing and baling the grass at the Moorefield and Bennington sites. No one has put in a proposal.

Mark also asked if we had heard any more about the gutter guards. Bruce said the company had not gotten back with him.

Jerry asked if there were any bids on the fence around the wet land at Moorefield and Bennington. Mark said they are waiting on the fields to be mowed first.

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Josh said that the Governor is going to be in town this weekend for the Switzerland County Wine Festival and asked if there were any objections to putting a banner on the courthouse welcoming him. There were no objections.

Bruce said that the U.S. flag had already been replaced.

There was a discussion on Wesley's compensation for working at the MBSD. Several ideas were discussed.

Wil said he had reviewed the EERSD Contract for Midwestern Engineering and that it is the same language they have used for other projects and he felt it was something the commissioners could sign.

Saundra Adams said that she had been in contact with Mr. Freeman with the billing company SCER uses and he felt a meeting was not necessary. She feels they may have discovered the problem that's been causing the NMC to receive the claims for SCER. If the commissioners would still like to meet with Mr. Freeman, he will be in town for the AIC conference in September.

Josh said the meeting with Tourism has been postponed until they hire a new director. The meeting with the Town and sheriff's dept. may not be necessary as they have come up with a solution: the Town would prefer to use the same service and share the equipment.

Mark said the Drug Coalition met last week with about 30 people in attendance. Their next meeting is September 19th. Tuesday, August 22nd several people are meeting at the Ogle Park to walk the playground and riverfront for the purpose of cleaning up any drug paraphernalia.

Rosemary Bovard asked about the Jim Day property on Log Lick. Engineer Pat Conner said this is not a county issue. There will be a letter from the county explaining this to the property owners as soon as Wil receives the engineers report.

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 5:52 p.m.

Attest: _____
Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor Switz. Co.