

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

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

The minutes of the January 2, 2018 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Josh, seconded by Jerry and all agreed.

Jerry made a motion to approve the claims, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

#1 John Kniola - Bryants Creek

John said the formal report regarding the sediment at Bryants Creek was good. There is about five and a half feet of sediment that needs to be removed. Once he has permission to go ahead there is a two-year window to get the project finished. He requested the commissioners' permission to proceed to apply for a DNR grant that could be as high as \$100,000.00. Jerry made a motion giving John permission to go forward with the LAR application, Josh seconded the motion for discussion. The cost of the project is estimated to be between \$380,000.00 and \$420,000.00. Josh asked where the money will come from. John said that no county money would be requested. He will be seeking funding from other sources. Much of the money could come from federal grants. He has talked to Sara Brichto about some grant writing.

Mark called for the vote. Jerry and Mark voted in favor and Josh voted against; the motion carried.

#2 Katie Collier - SWCD 2017 Update

Katie gave a report for the 2017 Soil and Water Conservation District activity. There were payments of \$64,113.20 with additional federal funding of \$154,150.73. Their annual dinner will be March 1st at the Tech Center.

#3 Tom Moore - EMA Everbridge Contact

Tom requested that the commissioner approve the renewal of the Everbridge contract used for weather alerts. There was a discussion on the recent alerts that went out in the middle of the night. Tom said he was in discussions with the company and has now put a "quiet period" on the system from 11:00 p.m. thru 6:00 a.m. No advisory or watch messages will go out during that time period. Warnings for flash floods, tornados and severe thunderstorms will continue to be sent regardless of the time. Tom can override the system at any time.

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Weather Bureau alerts are automated. There was also a discussion on the groups set up in the system. The commissioners asked for a printout of the groups. The 2018 cost for the service is \$7,733.96 which is unchanged from the 2017 contract.

Josh made a motion to renew the contract, Jerry seconded the motion and all agreed.

#4 Other Business

A. Library Board appointment: There were three applications for the open Library Board position: Deborah Margison, Jill Cord, and Carol Furnish. Terms are for four years. Josh made a motion to appoint Deborah Margison, Jerry seconded the motion and all agreed.

B. GenSet three-year contract renewal: Josh made a motion to renew the contract with GenSet Services LLC for three years to service the generators at the sheriff's office, tech building, and health department for a total cost of \$10,504.11, Jerry seconded the motion and all agreed.

C. Conflict of Interest forms FRSD: The commissioners signed the Conflict of Interest form for Patty Chase. Gayle is to verify the necessity for the one for Larry Stewart as he is no longer a board member.

D. 2018 Sheriff's Pay Agreement: Josh said there are multiple ways of calculating the sheriff's salary. The county pays 50% of the prosecutor's salary. The 2018 agreement is for \$74,371.00. Josh made a motion to accept the agreement, Jerry seconded the motion and all agreed.

E. Bridge #35 Bids: Bernie with FPBH, Inc. gave the commissioners the results of the recent bids that were opened for the Bridge #35 project:

McAlister Excavating - \$487,552.50
Dave O'Mara Contractor - \$492,757.90

Both bids were under the engineer's estimate of \$504,000.00. Josh made a motion to award the project to McAlister Excavating, Jerry seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Bernie said that Bridge #8 is out for bid. They will be opened on January 31st.

F. Fire Marshall Inspection: The recent fire marshall's inspection showed a few areas that need correction. The biggest thing being the use of the areas in the stairwells for storage. The county has 30 days to make corrections.

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Other Business cont'd

- G. Signatures on Health Dept. Board Appointment: The commissioners signed the form appointing Amy Combs to the health department board replacing Paul Kinghorn who moved. The appointment was made late in 2017.
- H. Children's Advocacy Center Thank You: Mark read the letter from the Children's Advocacy Center thanking the County for their 2018 support.
- I. YMCA Contract: The commissioners clarified that the contract for 2018 went to the YMCA. The YMCA changed the hours they are available to the public and employees now have access 24/7. Any employee who wishes to continue to use Dawn's Fitness Center will need to do so on their own.
- J. LEPC location: Jerry asked that Josh reconsider the LEPC location issue since they plan to purchase their own laptop computer and lockable filing cabinet. After much discussion on locations and the new board members Josh said he still felt strongly that using the tech building was not a good idea. Josh repeated that they are not a county entity.
- K. Courthouse Water Leak: The adjuster presented the county with an estimate for materials and labor to put the building back to its original condition (\$61,296.97). This did not include the bill to be received from Indiana Restoration for the ongoing use of equipment to dry out the building. Several of the items could only be estimated and they expect to have additional requests as the work is done and other things come to light.

There was a discussion on:

- Drying the building/contents
- Flooring
- Future Problems
- Scope of work
- Time Line
- Interruption of services to the public during repairs
- Contents
- Lost wages / interruption of services
- Local Contractors vs. Indiana Restorations doing the work

The adjuster pointed out that Indiana Restoration is certified in this type of work. The adjuster state that he is also certified, and there is a lot more to restoring a building than to a new or remodel project. Josh made a motion to hire Indiana Restoration to do the necessary work, the owner has many years of experience and is a Switzerland County property owner, Jerry seconded the motion and the motion passed with all agreeing.

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Other Business cont'd

Courthouse Water Leak cont'd:

Dan with Indiana Restorations said that they will take care of the ceiling in the courtroom while they are here. The work was originally done by them and whatever caused the recent problem will be taken care of. This has their company name on it and is not their standard of work.

With no further business to come before the board, Josh made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mark, and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Attest: _____

Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor
Switzerland County, Indiana