

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

The meeting was opened by commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams, with the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the February 5, 2018 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Jerry, seconded by Josh and all agreed.

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

#1 Carolyn Miller - Cemetery Board Report

Carolyn presented the annual report for the Cemetery Board. The board was established in 2008. The five-member board's main purpose is cemetery restoration. The council gave them \$10,000.00 in 2017. \$9,765.00 has been spent on restorations and the plan is to order cemetery signs from the state with the remainder. Carolyn said there are 138 known cemeteries in the county; 23 cemeteries are in desperate need of restoration and 7 are in need of help.

Josh made a motion to approve the Cemetery Board report; Jerry seconded the motion and all agreed.

#2 USI Consultants - Bridge inspection contract signatures

The award of the contract for bridge inspections had been previously approved by the commissioners. Derek Towel, with USI Consultants, said INDOT has now approved. He had the documents (contracts etc.) for the commissioners to sign.

Josh asked if USI was aware of the five-year plan the county has for bridge replacement/rehabilitation. Derek said they had the information and would be working with it.

Josh made a motion to approve the contract; the motion was seconded by Jerry and all agreed.

#3 Other Business

a. Election Pay Rates: Josh made a motion to approve the election pay rates provided by Circuit Court Clerk, Gayle Sullivan; Jerry seconded the motion and all agreed.

b. Truck Bids: Mark read the bids for dump trucks

- FYDA Freightliner Cincinnati, Inc. \$118,630.00 each
- Shirk's International, Greensburg 131,654.08 each
- Lischke Motors, Aurora 139,020.73 each
- Peterbilt of Cincinnati 134,997.00 each

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Other Business cont'd

Truck Bids cont'd: Josh made a motion to accept the lowest bid and order three trucks from FYDA Freightliner Cincinnati, Inc. Jerry seconded the motion for discussion:

Discussion: Darrell said he would like to upgrade to a stainless steel bed, which will take the price per unit to \$127,122.00. This will include a five-year 100,000 mile warranty.

Josh amended his motion to include the stainless steel beds and other accessories included in the \$127,122.00 price; Jerry seconded the motion and all agreed.

c. Road Closures: Darrell listed the roads currently closed due to high water

d. Bridge Bids: Mark read the bids for replacing Bridge #8

- McAlister Excavating \$586,283.75
- Parham Excavating 389,456.00
- Paul Rohe 428,196.50

Josh said there was a letter from FPBH, the engineering firm for the project, and they have reviewed the bids. Even though Parham has the lowest bid they did not have the necessary Bidder Qualification Certificate, therefore, they recommend Rohe for the project.

Josh made a motion to award the bridge project to Paul Rohe; Jerry seconded the motion and all agreed. Bernie, with FPBH, had the notice of award and contract ready for signatures.

e. Highway Dept. Equipment: Josh said that he felt it is time to move forward with replacing three mowers and two pick-up trucks at the highway department. Spec packages are to be prepared.

f. Upgrades/Additional work not covered by insurance: Dan with Indiana restorations went over the list of upgrades and additional work:

- *Carpet in Judge's Office area* - upgrade to a better quality, heavier weight carpet - upgrade cost \$3,500.00. Mark made a motion to do the upgrade and Josh seconded for discussion.

Discussion: Josh felt the department should ask for an additional appropriation from council. Gayle said the upgrade could be paid for out of Cum Cap. Josh said that money would be needed for roof problems at the jail. Jerry brought up the fact that the judge had given a lot of money to the county for the General Fund from the funds he has access to.

Mark called for the vote: Mark and Jerry voted in favor; Josh was opposed and the motion carried.

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Other Business cont'd

- Upgrades/Additional work not covered by insurance cont'd - Carpet in the hallway, landing and stairs in the original courthouse - upgrade to same carpet as judge's area - upgrade cost \$1,027.00. Mark made a motion for the upgrade; Jerry seconded the motion and the vote was two to one with Josh opposed.
- Paint Genealogy Room - no paint damage, not covered by insurance. Cost \$965.00 (includes moving everything). Topic died due to the lack of a motion.
- Change color in all six restrooms which requires extra coat of paint - cost is \$735.00. Mark previously approved this change. Jerry made a motion to approve the change; Mark seconded the motion. The motion passed two to one with Josh opposed.
- Carpet in Assessor's Office - this is not part of water damage. Carpet is torn and worn out - the cost is \$6,707.00 which included moving out all of the file cabinets. Mark made a motion to replace the carpet; Josh seconded the motion for discussion.

Discussion: Josh was opposed to doing the work at this time. Mark felt it would be better to do it before the new vinyl is installed in the halls, since that is where all of the cabinets will be placed during the carpet replacement.

Mark called for the vote, the motion passed with Mark and Jerry voting for and Josh voting against.

There was a discussion on the updates and issues that need the adjuster's attention. Dan felt the adjuster agreed to turn in everything the county asked for. Mark said the ceiling tiles in front of the elevator are not satisfactory. They do not match the surrounding tiles.

- f. Repairs: Josh said that since the water damage, there is a low grinding or dragging noise when the elevator doors are moving. Wesley will look into it.

He said the skylights over the jail are causing water to come into the dispatch area. The jail roof problems need to be revisited. The skylights cannot be removed. Jail standards require that inmates have a certain amount of daylight. Wesley will get three companies to evaluate the problem and give estimates.

- g. Drug Free Switzerland County: Pam Acton said they had their recent meeting at noon and are considering changing the monthly meetings to lunch time and having quarterly meetings in the evening. She was asking the commissioners to agree to the change. They had no problem with the lunch meetings.

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Other Business cont'd

- h. Executive Session: The commissioners scheduled an executive session for Wednesday, February 28th at 5:00 p.m.

With no further business to come before the board, Josh made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jerry, and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Attest: _____
Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor
Switzerland County, Indiana