

REGULAR MEETING - MONDAY AT 5:10 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 auditor, Gayle Rayles and the commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams.

The meeting was opened by president, Mark Lohide, with the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the March 5, 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, Josh seconded the motion and all agreed.

#1 John Kniola - Parking in Parks

John asked the commissioners to consider having an ordinance written prohibiting 18-wheelers from parking in the county parks' parking lots. He cited one situation where a loaded low boy used one of the lots, which are not constructed for that kind of weight. The three parks involved are Bryant's Creek, Markland and Patriot. Bruce will research to see if we already have something in place preventing this that can be enforced. If not, the commissioners agreed to have an ordinance written prohibiting overnight parking of semi-trailers on the parks' parking lots.

#2 Sara Brichto - Opportunities Zone Update

Sara passed out the Opportunity Zone information she had gathered for Tracts 1, 2 and 3. She asked the commissioners to review the information for anything that could be added to the application. The purpose of the application is to showcase what exists in at-risk tracts in the county.

#3 Other Business

- a. Moorefield-Bennington Sewer District Ordinance: Wil wrote an ordinance to allow the county to charge property owners for damage to the sewer district equipment caused by "recklessness or intentional conduct". The new ordinance includes an amendment to the original ordinance correcting the billing dates and the monthly fee. Gayle had verified that the minutes reflected the fees were set at \$30.00 per month.

This was the first reading of this ordinance.

- b. Bridge #35 Update: The work on the Quercus Grove Bridge #35 continues. They are removing the old beams without getting into the creek. The commissioners considered Estimate #2 from McAlisters for \$156,914.68. Josh made a motion to approve payment, Jerry seconded and all agreed.

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Other Business cont'd

- c. Tractor Bid Specs: There was a discussion on the bid specs Wil and Darrell had worked on for the purchase of tractors with side-arm mowers. Bruce will place ads in the two papers for two weeks. The bids will be due April 16th at 5:00 p.m.
- d. Economic Development: Josh announced that Jon Bond will be leaving Switzerland County Economic Development at the end of May. He said that Jon had agreed to tie up any loose ends and leave things so that the board, and his eventual replacement, can follow through. Josh recommended we do the 2018 contract on a month-by-month basis to prevent any solvency problems for Economic Development. Josh said that Economic Development will be paying the Historical Society the \$10,000.00 from a previous commitment from their funds.

Josh made a motion to pay Economic Development month-by-month for 2018, Jerry seconded the motion and all agreed.

- e. Road Slips: Jerry brought up the road slip on Log Lick. Darrell said that he is working on proposals to stabilize the slip. They are waiting on permitting. Darrell said there is a slip on Turtle Creek that they are also looking at.
- f. Miscellaneous Courthouse Issues: There was a recent walk-thru for the courthouse repairs. Everything seems to be going according to schedule. Josh made a motion to approve the \$33,000.00 payment to Indiana Restorations, Jerry seconded the motion and all agreed.

There are still water problems in the back entrance and on one side of the breezeway after heavy rains, especially when there are high winds; awnings were discussed.

- g. Animal Shelter: Keli gave the commissioners estimates to replace 30 gates on 15 kennels at the animal shelter. There was a discussion on where the funds would come from to pay for the gates. Keli said she was prepared to pay for them out of her donation fund. Josh said that money could be used for general operations. Jerry made a motion to table the issue for more review; Mark seconded the motion. The vote was two to one with Josh voting against.
- h. FEMA: Tom Moore with EMA said that so far there is \$670,000.00 in damages from the recent flooding. This figure includes \$300,000.00 in damage to the Patriot Sewer Plant, \$35,000.00 in damage at the Florence Regional Sewer District, Highway Department costs and several other expenses. It is yet to be determined if the State of Indiana will have enough damage to qualify for FEMA money.

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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 5:47 p.m.

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