

**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, 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 previous April 16, 2018 meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Josh, seconded by Jerry and all agreed.

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

**#1 Joan Hunt - Pro Diversity Rally Group**

Joan said that her group would like a permit for a peaceful protest against the KKK rally scheduled for May 26th. Per the Klan's publication, the rally will take place on the courthouse lawn. Wil explained that he had written a letter to the KKK explaining that the courthouse lawn was committed to another group on that day and suggested they meet in the parking lot of the Switzerland County Tech Center. He has received no response. Wil also said that a permit for the peaceful protest would be issued by the Town of Vevay and suggested Joan speak to the Chief of Police.

Mark said that the town, county and state law enforcement agencies are aware of the rally. He asked that Wil contact Sheriff Hughes as a reminder about law enforcement during the event.

**#2 Other Business****a. Tractor Bids:**

- Zimmer Tractor
  - Kubota MF111 \$82,104.00 each; total for three \$246,312.00  
HP - 90 Gross 87 Net
  - Kubota MF091 \$77,543.00 each; total for three \$232,629.00  
HP - 90 Net
- Brown's Implement
  - Kubota MF091 \$48,500.00 each plus \$21,000.00 mower; total \$69,000.00 each; total for three \$208,500.00

Josh made a motion to table any decision until the 2018 road plans can be discussed; Jerry seconded, and all agreed.

- b. ADA Plan: Bruce gave the commissioners copies of the ADA Plan. There are a few items that need to be addressed. The plan includes an estimate for doing the necessary changes as well as a suggestion to set aside \$6,000.00 per year for upgrades and maintenance.

Josh made a motion to table working on the ADA Plan until the next meeting; seconded by Jerry and all agreed.

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Other Business cont'd

- c. MBSD Ordinance - final reading: There was a final reading of the revised ordinance establishing rates and charges for the Moorefield Bennington Sewer Eco Treatment Project. A commercial rate has been added and a new paragraph making the property owner responsible for damage to equipment belonging to the county that is part of the Moorefield-Bennington Eco-Treatment Project caused by the reckless or intentional conduct of the occupant of any property within the service area of the project located on their property. The cost of repairs will be added to the sewer bill for that property.

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

- d. Bridge #35 Final Claim: Josh made a motion to pay the final claim for Bridge #35. Jerry seconded the motion. All agreed. This project came in at approximately \$18,000 under budget.

- e. Budget Assistance Agreement: Josh made a motion to approve the Agreement with the Association of Indiana Counties for Budget Technical Assistance, Training and Compliance; Jerry seconded the motion, and all agreed.

- f. Miscellaneous:

❖ Scotts Ridge guardrail: Jerry asked Darrell if the highway department could look at putting a guardrail at the bottom of Scotts Ridge. Darrell said he was aware of the problem in the area and would look at installing a guardrail.

❖ Special Session: A Special Session was scheduled for Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the highway Department projects and equipment purchases for 2018.

❖ Opportunity Zone Designation: Sara Brichto said the county had received the Opportunity Zone Designation for areas recognized as distressed. 25% of the state was in the overall designated area. The recommendations were then approved by the federal government. There was a brief discussion on what that means for the county.

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With no further business to come before the board, Jerry made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Josh, and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor  
Switzerland County, Indiana