

**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 auditor, Gayle Rayles and the commissioners' assistant, Bruce Williams.

The meeting was opened by president, Mark Lohide and Josh South led the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the August 20, 2018 regular 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 Cary Louderback - Red Hog Pike**

Cary was present to seek information on repairs to Red Hog Pike. The following items were discussed:

- Who is responsible for the Upper (west) and Lower (east) ends of the road.
- A year ago the road was high on the list of repairs. It remains in poor condition. What are the plans now?
- There has been no progress since the pavement was removed.
- Does the county need a permit to do the repairs? Darrell said he doesn't think a permit will be necessary.
- What are the plans going forward? Josh said the county went from 40-45 active slips last year to over 60 this year. They are working on the roads with the heavier traffic volume first.
- Why Grants Creek is graded and graveled routinely while other roads are put off?
- The commissioners are getting quotes at this time for slip repairs. They have committed \$1.3 million to repairs.

Randal Adam, who also lives on Red Hog Pike, was present and said that he bought the property when the road was paved. He feels he pays taxes for a paved road. He drives around to East Enterprise in order to avoid driving on Red Hog Pike due to the condition.

**#2 Wesley Poling - Moorefield-Bennington Sewer District**

Wesley reminded the commissioners that he is still in need of a vehicle for work at the Moorefield-Bennington Sewer District. Mark said it needs to be a truck with tool boxes. Josh offered the idea of purchasing a new truck for the highway department and giving Wesley one of their used vehicles. Mark asked Darrell to get quotes on a ¾ ton four-wheel-drive truck with an eight foot bed.

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**#3 John Kniola - Non-enforcement of Zoning Ordinances**

John asked if Planning and Zoning still uses the book from 1996. Mark Archer received a complaint on Friday morning. He has ten business days to get a letter from the attorney to be mailed to the owner. There was a question about who should handle the complaint since it is in the Town of Vevay. The Town adopted the county's zoning ordinance so the county is the enforcing agency.

The owner of the property was present and said the problem will be corrected within 15 days.

**#4 Marty Hankins - Computer Backup**

The county experienced a ransom attack on one of the back-up servers. So far he has been able to recover most of the data. Marty was asking for permission to purchase new protection software.

Josh said that Marty needs to contact the FBI and make them aware of the attack. Josh also asked that the insurance company be contacted to see if our cyber policy covers any of the cost involved. Gayle said that she would contact Sara with Hummel Insurance regarding coverage and would work with Marty regarding contacting the FBI.

**#5 Economic Development**

Rhonda Griffin, President of Switz. Co. Economic Development (SCED), said that Jon Bond and Dick Yanikoski had worked on a list of interim activities to cover what SCED will be doing the remainder of 2018. She asked the commissioners if the list covered what they were expecting. No changes were requested.

They have also put together a Planning Proposal, which involves summarizing information in an orderly format, of resources for the planning committee the commissioners are working on. This will benefit the future committee as they can begin their work expeditiously rather than using their time to compile the necessary recourses themselves. Jon said that this is the information that every new committee needs to begin developing a plan.

**#2 Other Business**

- A. The commissioners signed a Letter of Understanding from INDOT regarding the closure of State Road 250 for a small structure replacement. The closure will be for up to 20 days between April 1, 2019 and July 31, 2019. The unofficial detour will utilize Knigga, Aaron and Bear Branch Roads. The official detour will be the utilization of State Roads 129 and 250. Maps were provided.

Josh asked Darrell to take pictures of the state of the county roads involved prior to the closure in case the additional traffic causes the need for repairs for which the county can apply for reimbursement from the State.

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#2 Other Business (continued)

- B. Cherry Phillips said that the bridge next to Popcorn Ridge has moved over. He expressed disappointment that the county can no longer get in the creek to get the flow back to its original path.
- C. Jerry said that they had recently had a meeting with the entities that control the permits to enter the creeks for such matters. They had visited several sites in the county. The commissioners have not heard anything yet. It was pointed out that several of the surrounding counties routinely work in creek beds.
- D. The commissioners reviewed quotes from Fred McAlister and Parham Excavating to repair 13 slips.

After review and discussion Josh made a motion to approve the Parham Excavating quotes as it was the only quote that would not cause the county to get their hands slapped by the State.

Quote #1: Sadie Green Road, Keith Road, Mary Lamb Road and Popcorn Ridge - \$206,000.00

Quote #2: Bennington Pike and Parks Ridge - \$81,000.00

Quote #3: Grants Creek, Upper Grants Creek and Saar Lane - \$76,000.00

Quote #4: Pendleton Run Road - \$71,000.00

Quote #5: Turtle Creek - \$62,000.00

Quote #6: Spring Branch and Bulger Tapp Roads - \$3,400.00 for test digs in order to provide accurate quotes due to the fact that the slides are large and on steep hillsides.

The contractor recommended that concrete be applied over the rock. Joe Parham is to get with Darrell on the amount of concrete needed. Darrell has permission to approve anything up to \$10,000.00.

Jerry seconded the motion and all agreed.

- E. Gayle Sullivan was present and asked the commissioners about cleaning the carpet in her office. It is new carpet that was cleaned after the recent flood and the spots have reappeared. Mark will follow up with Cliff.

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 6:24 p.m.

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Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor  
Switzerland County, Indiana