

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

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

The minutes of the October 1, 2018 regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Josh, seconded by Mark and all agreed.

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

#1 Chad Carson - Steinhardt Heating and A/C

Chad advised the commissioners that Wesley had taken him around to all of the county buildings and Steinhardt has presented a proposal to do the preventative maintenance. He was present to answer any of the commissioners' questions. Steinhardt has done work for the county's jail in the past, especially the kitchen. The company works on all of the equipment types we have. Steinhardt has a response time of less than 24 hours in the event of a breakdown. He gave examples of some of the locations where they do the maintenance: Hanover College and all of the Indiana Historic Homes in the area were among those he mentioned.

The commissioners said they are waiting on two more proposals. They are due by the next commissioner's meeting on November 5th. They are planning on making a decision at that time.

#2 Josh Mangold - Vacate Hite Road

Josh was present to let the commissioners know that he has property at the end of Hite Road that he cannot access because there is a gate across the road. They would like to have the gate removed. Wil said that the Upton's attorney has been advised that the Upton's need to remove the gate. Wil advised that this matter cannot be discussed in an open meeting since all parties were not in attendance.

#3 Other Business

- A. Canon repair and painting: VSO Duane Covington said that the county would have had an agreement with the Department of Defense to maintain the canon in the courthouse yard. He asked about the possibility of establishing a fund to take care of future maintenance. Josh said the maintenance would be covered out of Casino Revenue.

Duane said that before it can be painted it needs to be media blasted to get back to a surface than can be painted properly. This brings up some concerns about contaminants from lead paint.

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Duane suggested having someone look at it to make recommendations. They have located the proper paint when it is ready for painting. Wil said that the state has a preservation commission that has experts who volunteer their time to assist government entities. Possibly they have someone who could work with us.

The DNR has courthouse restoration funds available for projects under \$10,000.00. There was a discussion as to whether this might qualify.

- B. Technology building mailboxes: At the present time the Purdue Extension employees are picking up the mail at the post office for all of the offices in the tech building. This is inconvenient for them and the other tenants. If they are out of the office the other tenants do not receive any mail. Duane Covington, whose office is in the tech building, would like to have the mail delivered to the location. He had a price for a unit that would have eight boxes and two areas for parcels. It would be placed at the driveway at the end of Silver Street per the post office's request. The boxes are secure and waterproof. Josh made a motion to approve the purchase of the mailboxes for the Tech Building; Mark seconded the motion for discussion. Discussion: Wesley can install and the price is \$1,299.00. Mark called for the vote and the motion passed.
- C. Snow Removal Bids: Bruce said there were no snow removal bids. He will make calls to local contractors and try to have bids by the next meeting.
- D. Honor Flight: Duane Covington spoke about the recent Honor Flight for local Veterans. He will be trying to organize another one in the future.

With no further business to come before the board, Mark made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Josh, and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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