

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: Jerry Monjar, Jamie Peters, and Josh South, the county attorney, Joe Colussi, and the county auditor, Carolyn Green.

The meeting was called to order by Jamie who also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Josh made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2nd meeting as presented, seconded by Jerry and the motion passed.

Jerry made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Josh. After some discussion regarding the reimbursement of the Sheriff's cyber claims, the motion passed.

#1 New Business

- A. Final bid opening for the Owner-Occupied Rehab Grant: There were 2 bidders:

Bob Crosthwaite:		
19357 Meades Ridge Road		\$17,762.00
13616 North Branch Road		\$7,986.00
Jackson Construction:		
19357 Meades Ridge Road		\$9,700.00
13616 North Branch Road		\$13,480.00

Jerry made a motion to approve the North Branch Road property rehab bid from Bob Crosthwaite in the amount of \$7,986.00, seconded by Jamie and the motion carried. Jerry made a motion to approve the Meades Ridge Road property re-hab bid from Jackson Construction in the amount of 9,700.00, seconded by Josh and the motion carried.

- B. Cemetery Board: A motion to approve the Annual Report of the Cemetery Board as presented by Carolyn Miller was made by Josh, seconded by Jerry and the motion carried.

#2 Old Business

1. Carriage House Resolution: Josh made a motion to approve the Resolution for the sale of the Carriage House to Cheryl Burress, seconded by Jerry and the motion carried.

REGULAR MEETING – PAGE 2**#3 Coronavirus Discussion**

a) Local Disaster Emergency Declaration: Dr. Frede reported that there have been no documented cases of the virus in the County. There are some self-isolated cases. He stressed the need for people to respond with good judgement.

In order to be pro-active, the commissioners are closing the courthouse to the general public from March 18, 2020 to March 31, 2020. Any business that must be handled in the courthouse must be pre-scheduled with the required offices.

The Health Department and Nurse Managed Clinic will operate as usual. The commissioners approved \$100,000.00 for supplies and an additional nurse if required.

EMA is coordinating with the Health Department and with the State and they are also working with SCER.

Council member Elizabeth Jones is staying in contact with the trustees and stressed the need to keep supporting our local businesses.

A motion to enact the Commissioners' Local Disaster Emergency Declaration was made by Josh, seconded by Jerry and the motion carried.

b) Procedural comprehensive emergency plan: Tom Moore, EMA Director, presented the comprehensive emergency plan. Jerry made a motion to approve the local comprehensive plan, seconded by Josh and the motion carried.

Tom is in contact with the governor's office. He has had 3 meetings with the school administration, and there is a daily update from EMA in coordination with local officials. Roy Leap has done a good job on the emergency plan for the county.

Jerry reported that bus drivers are delivering lunches to the stay at home children. There will be no deliveries during the regular spring break week. Superintendent Rod Hite is having the classrooms cleaned. He is welcoming volunteers. The fire departments may be available to help.

c) Ordinance for the Designation of an Infrastructure Development Zone: Sarah Brichto has been working on the "Ordinance for the Designation of an infrastructure Development Zone within Switzerland County, Indiana". This is in conjunction with getting broadband in the county. Jamie preformed the first reading of the ordinance. The second reading will be at the April 6th meeting.

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#4 Bud Harlow Road Modification

The owner of the property at the end of Bud Harlow Road called in to ask for permission to modify the end of the road. He says he will enlarge the turn around, taper the road and then gravel and concrete the road. The commissioners took this under advisement until Darrell Keith, highway supervisor, can examine the road and the situation. Since it is an emergency vehicle and school bus turn around, the road cannot be vacated.

The commissioners stressed that the actions they were taking regarding the coronavirus are precautionary and not a cause for panic.

With no further business to come before the board, Jerry made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Josh and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Attest: _____

Carolyn J. Miller, Auditor
Switzerland County, Indiana