

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: President Grant Dean, Jerry Monjar, Jamie Peters, highway superintendent, Anthony Thomas and Yvette Emmich.

Grant called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes from September 5, 2023 regular meeting were approved, as written, on a motion from Jerry and seconded by Jamie.

The claims were approved, with further discussion regarding copy machine maintenance expenses, with Purdue Extension being the most expensive. Jamie asked if this expense was a payment toward a new copy machine, Yvette answered that these fees are for quarterly overages only. A motion was made by Jamie to approve claims and seconded by Grant. All in favor.

#1 Highway Superintendent – Anthony Thomas

Anthony gave the following updates:

- They have received funding for the slip on Scotts Ridge Road from the NRCS department. Will put out for bids when we receive engineering plans. 75/25% match with Switzerland County paying the 25%. Also will apply for funding for Kelly Road.
- Mowing road sides and long arming
- Ditch work on Drakes Ridge
- Installed drainage pipe in Florence on Third Street to dry up road ditch
- Mowed Industrial Park
- Dura patching pit holes in county
- Maintaining gravel roads
- Bid openings for bridges #67 (Smiths Ridge) and #9 (Parks Ridge)
- Looking for a mechanic, again

Received four (4) bid packs for Bridge #67, Smiths Ridge and #9 Parks Ridge:

- McAllister Paving,
- Paul H. Rohe Company
- Dave O'Mara Paving
- Fred Mcalister Excavating

Jamie made a motion to award Bridge #67 to McAllister Paving in the amount of \$248,917.00, contingent upon bonding, Jerry seconded the motion. All in favor.

Jamie made a motion to award Bridge #9, contingent upon necessary bonding, to McAllister Paving in the amount of \$422,215.00, Jerry seconded the motion, all in favor.

Pricing includes paving in the spring. Parks Ridge will be done first and then Smiths Ridge second due to traffic usage. From an engineering standpoint it was noted that a good freeze and thaw cycle would be good to go through before paving of the roads in the spring.

Also, Jerry wanted to thank Anthony for his work with the NRCS in order to receiving funding.

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#2 Old Business

- a. Public Consulting Group Billing – the original billing of \$22,500.00 was approved previously, the second billing for final presentation of \$2,000.00 is presented for approval. Grant made a motion to approve the payment, with a second from Jamie, with a point of discussion for plans to present a summary of findings at the next Commissioners meeting on October 2, 2023.
- b. Personnel Advisor Committee - Handbook Discussion – the PAC met before tonight's meeting, as well as three week ago to review additional changes as recommended by the county's HR director, to be in compliance with State and Federal laws. With these changes, the handbook that was adopted in January 2023 should now be revoked or appealed since it was never implemented due to legal mediation. It comes now the recommendation of the PAC that the existing handbook or ordinance 12-5-22-1, be revoked or repealed and begin with adopting a new handbook. Jamie made a motion to approve the appeal or revoke of the 2023 Handbook or Ordinance 12-5-2022-1 and Jerry seconded this motion, all in favor. The PAC will meet and follow all legal open door laws and present the updated handbook to the Commissioners in a regular or special meeting to review changes with adoption of the changes on the October 2nd meeting. Review and adoption can be done on the same day, October 2, 2023.

#3 New Business

- a. Lynn and Bobby Gibson – showed pictures regarding downspout from neighbor creating flooding issues with their home/property. Grant will contact Bryan McAllister to inspect and help with recommendation.
- b. John Kniola – Park board meeting was held on September 14, 2023, 2 new members were to be introduced, but did not show, so they did not have a quorum. They spoke about 2023 and 2024 issues and paid bills. Vevay zoning updates. Patriot update, in the last three years they have removed 282 tires and 8 houses and 3 mobile homes and collected \$12,000 in fines.
- c. Reviewed bids for work on Health Department and Animal Shelter received from Tri State Painting and Andrew Burkholder. Jamie made a motion to approve the quote from Andrew Burkholder for repairs at the Animal Shelter in the amount of \$260.00 and second by Jerry. Jamie also made a motion to approve the quote from Andrew Burkholder for repairs at the Health Department in the amount of \$760.00, with Jerry seconded the motion. Wesley to coordinate with Andrew on starting time and progress of.
- d. Local Elected Officials Agreement – will table this until further review
- e. Paul Primavera & Associates – contract was approved last year - Moorefield Bennington Sewer District - billing only

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- f. YMCA update – Lindsey Simmons presented the Switzerland County Employee Benefit Package facility usage reports, as well as, updates on all the new changes that have been implemented at the YMCA. Also, asked about receiving the 2023 contract payment. Commissioners asked if she would return on October 2, 2023 meeting and present a 2023 contract to approve, she is in agreement.

#4 Board Reports

Jerry – will have quarterly meeting with EMA this week

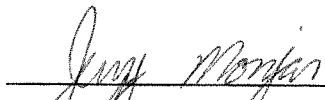
Jamie – Vevay Switzerland County Foundation had board meeting and will award grants at their next meeting on October 5, 2023. There will be a Property Management Committee meeting this Wednesday, September 20th at 5, at the County Courthouse. Also, asked about the job description for the County HR/County Administrator, has it been posted yet, Grant is still updating the information, but will get it to the Auditor for posting at all County buildings as well as Indeed. Lastly, Jamie wanted to clarify to the County Council regarding being over budget for the restoration of the Courthouse and feels like we are not over budget.


Grant – No updates regarding the School Endowment Board

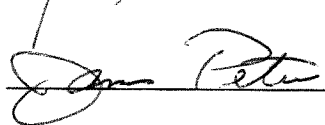
#5 Announcements:

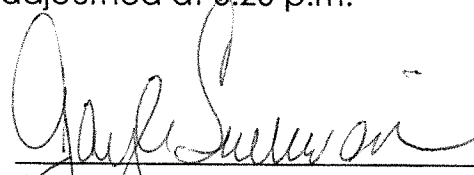
Tom from the EMA announced that his Hazard Mitigation Plan is in the final draft and by the end of October present it to the Commissioners. Also, a question was raised about initiating a burn ban in the County. Fire Chiefs would need to be contacted and other neighboring counties.

With no further business to come before the board, Jerry made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jamie. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.







Attest: 

 Gayle Sullivan, Auditor
 Switzerland County, Indiana