

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: Grant Dean, Jerry Monjar, and Jamie Peters and the county auditor Carolyn Green.

Jerry opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes were approved as presented on a motion by Jamie, seconded by Grant and the motion carried.

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#1 Jon Bond – EDC – OCRA Covid Grant

Jon explained that an OCRA grant through the Covid Relief Program for \$250,000.00 for small business relief was awarded to the county. A resolution needed to be adopted to approve the Switzerland County Economic Development Corporation as the administering entity and the expenditure of funds.

Grant made a motion to approve Resolution Number 03-01-2021, seconded by Jamie and the motion carried.

#2 Bridge #23 – Log Lick Road Bids

The commissioners had received the requested references for Louisville Paving and they are as follows:

- Austin Shield -- very good
- Kirk Thomas -- very good
- Scott Tipton (Henry Co.) -- very good
- Bobby Phillips -- very good

Jamie made a motion to approve Louisville Paving's bid for Bridge #23 contract, seconded by Grant and the motion carried.

#3 Bridge #4

Bridge #4 agreement was signed.

#4 Health Board Appointments

Dr. Findley cited some of the requirements for the Health Board. The applicant must be a county resident and a U.S. citizen. A decision for the Health Board was table for the next meeting.

#5 Animal Control Officer Position

This was tabled until the next meeting.

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There were 3 applicants for the school endowment board. These applicants were asked to come and give their qualifications and reasons for wanting to be on this board. They are as follows:

1. Mark Lohide: He has been on the board for many years and has been influential in helping the board with their debt service, helping the YMCA, transportation for the 8th grade trip, the 10 year plan, construction projects, and with investing money with the Windsor Group.

2. Clay Meyer: He has worked for North American Stainless. He would like to get involved with the community. He is familiar with the mechanical side of the budget.

3. Harold Scranton Jr.: He moved back to Switzerland County in 2008. He worked for Dow Chemical, and he is a member of the East Enterprise Fire Department. He has 2 children in the school system. He feels that there has been too much frivolous spending. He feels that his fire department experience would be helpful.

A decision will be made at the next meeting.

#7 Gayle Rayles – Co. Treasurer – Financial Committee Report

Gayle presented the County Financial Statement for the Finance Committee which includes the Treasurer and the Commissioners. She will present the report monthly.

#8 New Business

- 1) Mowing bids: One-year bids for mowing the Tech Center and Medical Clinic will be advertised.
- 2) SEIRD Board appointment: Jerry made a motion to appoint Jamie to the Board, seconded by Grant and the motion carried.
- 3) Internet speed increase: Doug Foster of Great Plains Communications: came to explain the requested increase in internet speed ant the Tech Bldg. and courthouse. The amendment would be to the current contract for an increase for 50 mg service. Courthouse would increase \$20 per month and the Tech Center would increase \$60 per month. The current contract expires in 2023. The commissioners wanted some history on data usage before them make a decision. He also asked if a 20' x 20' plot would be available in Vevay to install a spot cabinet.
- 4) Courthouse panic button system: No action will be taken until there is an explanation and/or a representative present.
- 5) Animal shelter furnace: A new furnace has been installed at the Animal Shelter for \$2600.00. This furnace comes with a 10-year warranty.
- 6) Highway Dept: Jerry had spoken with Darrell who said they will be watching the culverts for this wet season.

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With no further business to come before the board, Jerry made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Grant and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Attest: _____
Carolyn J. Green, Auditor
Switzerland County, Indiana