

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. The county auditor, Carolyn Green, was absent.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting of April 5th were approved as presented on a motion by Grant, seconded by Jamie and the motion carried.

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

#1 Greg Goodnight – Gardner Insurance – Annual Renewal

Greg came to present the renewal for the property and liability insurance for the county. Jamie made a motion to renew the insurance with Gardner for a total cost of \$131,732.00, seconded by Grant and the motion carried. This is less than a 1% rate increase.

#2 Brad Bender - FPBH - Bridge #23

Bridge #23 (Log Lick Road) had to be rebid in order to satisfy State requirements. There were 3 bidders: McAlister Excavating - \$600,274.75, Paul Rohe - \$652,878.00, and Louisville Paving - \$597,000.00. After some discussion, Jamie made a motion to approve Louisville Paving, bid price \$597,000.00, for replacement of Bridge #23, seconded by Grant and the motion carried.

#3 Old Business

- A. Health Board appointments: The commissioners announced that Melissa Meyer was appointed to the Health Board.
- B. Co. Administrator position: The commissioners appointed Susie Swank to this full-time position.
- C. Custodian position: The commissioners appointed Meagan Kilborn to this full-time position.

#4 New Business

- 1) New Fund Ordinance #4909: This new fund is to be funded by the \$8,000.00 admin fees that were left from Fund #8909. Jon Bond explained that the new fund could be used for economic development if the commissioner so chose.
- 2) Planning Board positions: There were no applicants for this board so the commissioners would like for it to be advertised another 2 weeks in hopes that there will be some applicants.

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Darrell Keith suggested since the county has never used Louisville Paving for any work before that the county have someone from FPBH inspect the bridge randomly during installation at a cost of approximately \$19,000.00. This was tabled at this time.

Grant mentioned that county attorney, Joe Colussi, was to give his opinion soon concerning **Thiebaud Browning Lane** off of Plum Creek. The property owner had put a gate up across the road. After some discussion it was decided to have Darrell to contact the landowner directly to see if they could work something out.

The commissioners discussed the money that was to be set up as an **endowment with the Community Foundation of Switzerland County** after the Town took over the Jack Sullivan Senior Citizens' Center. The commissioners were to give \$48,000.00 and the Town of Vevay is to give 25% from the sale of their old office building, originally the library. Jamie would like for the auditor's office to check into this.

Charles Ryan spoke concerning **Evans Hill Road**. He sited the minutes of the commissioners' meetings discussing this road from April 2019 through January 2020. He also said the culvert at the bottom of the hill needs repaired. Mr. Ryan said it has been 300 days since any discussion of the road. Jamie said he thinks the cost was going to be approximately \$700,000.00 and thought they had done what was required of them. Jamie said they would review the information with the county attorney. He thought it wasn't negligence but a decision to table this. Darrell said he thought INDOT had rejected the plans.

Terry Hall said he is having problems with semis turning around back **Vanosdol Road**. The truckers GPS is showing this as a through road and then when they get back there and try to turn around they are tearing down electrical wires. He is requesting the county put a "No Through Trucks" sign. Darrell said he just got in a bunch of new signs and will get one put up.

#6 Other Business

The commissioners discussed a water pooling issue between 2 property owners. Atty. Matt Hocker had sent over pictures of the problem to the commissioners. The next step is for county surveyor, Brian McAllister, to go to the site.

There will be another round of State grant money available later this year that could be applied for to help with the Moorefield Bennington Sewer District, Bennington site, repairs. The first draw was missed.

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With no further business to come before the board, Jamie made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Grant and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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