

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 Grant Dean, the county administrator, Susie Swank, and the auditor, Yvette Emmich.

Jerry called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the regular meeting of November 15th were approved as presented on a motion by Grant, seconded by Jamie and the motion carried.

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#1 Eric Cole – YMCA Executive Director – 2022 Contract

Eric presented a County Employee Utilization report showing the number of visits from some of the county employees and families from January 2021 thru November 2021. This is a free benefit to county employees. He also asked that the agreement be renewed for 2022. It is the same amount (\$15,000.00) as 2021 which is used for assistance in operations and programs. The commissioners asked about increasing the advertising of this benefit to the employees to which Eric said they have hired an onboarding specialist to help with trying to increase the total enrollment. Grant made a motion to approve the \$15,000.00 for 2022, seconded by Jamie and the motion carried.

#2 Joey Rider – Patriot Boat Ramp

Joey spoke to the commissioners regarding property in Posey Township (adjacent to the Patriot Board Ramp) that he would like to acquire and develop into a campground. He states it is underwater several times a year and presently is not used for anything. He presented documents showing the property outline he is interested in. Jamie said this land was gifted to the county and the commissioners will need to look into this further before making any decisions. The matter was tabled until a later meeting.

#3 Judge Greg Coy – Health Insurance for the Public Defenders

The Judge was present to discuss the county's public defenders health insurance status. He would like clarification from our insurance carrier and current insurance contract verbiage to confirm. The Judge would like for someone to forward him the name and phone number of the insurance representative.

#4 Anthony Thomas – Highway Superintendent

Anthony updated the commissioners on Bridge #23, Bridge #20, Patton Hallow, and Log Lick projects. Also, at this time everyone at the county owned buildings will need to do their own snow removal and salt spreading until they can find someone to do this. Salt was purchased for each building at this time for short-term coverage. Eric Cole, YMCA, asked if the county would clear or cut back the

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Anthony Thomas – Highway Superintendent cont'd

trees on the old SR129 road that runs behind the YMCA. They have many semi-trucks turning on the old state road instead of the correct entrance to SR129 and would prefer them to use the roundabout to turn around instead of the entrance as they are causing damage. (He asked if they could do this sometime when they are in the area.)

#5 New Business

- a. County attorney: Jamie made a motion to appoint Pat McGrath as the new county attorney for 2022, seconded by Grant and the motion carried.

#6 Old Business

- 1. Ordinance allowing authorization of execution of INDOT agreement: Grant read the ordinance which serves as the second reading. It will need to be read at the next meeting for the 3rd time and then officially adopted.
- 2. Alcohol & Beverage Commission: 1 appointment – Jamie made a motion to appoint Lisa Fisher to this board, seconded by Grant and the motion carried.

#7 Board Reports

School Endowment board: Jerry clarified that the appointment to the School Endowment board was in error, Clay Meyer still has 1 year left on his term which will end 12-31-22.

With no further business to come before the board, Grant made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Jamie and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Attest: _____
 H. Yvette Emmich, Auditor
 Switzerland County, Indiana