

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: Jamie Peters, and Grant Dean, the county administrator, Susie Swank, and the auditor, Yvette Emmich, Payroll clerk Kacie Harris, Anthony Thomas. Jerry Monjar was absent.

Grant Dean called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 3, 2022 were approved. Jamie made a motion to approve and Grant seconded the motion.

Approval of claims: Jamie made a motion to approve the claim presented and Grant seconded the motion.

#1 JMS – Rick Anderson

Mr. Anderson from VEREGY – Energy Optimization Solution – talked about the Indiana statute IC-36-1-12.5 guaranteed savings legislation. It allows us to do guaranteed savings project under the statute. Would look at HVAC, lighting, plumbing, solar. Will look at all our buildings. Would like to help us be more energy independent. They would come in and do an assessment at no expense to the County. Then, will give us a report, a list of recommendation on saving us energy and operational cost. This would be budget neutral or better to what we are spending presently. Jamie made a motion to allow Mr. Anderson to move forward with an assessment and Grant seconded the motion.

#2 EMA Director, Tom Moore – 2022 Mass Notification System Contract

Tom presented a new contract amount from Everbridge (our current vendor) for \$5,930.00 per year for the next three years. Discussion was had on the comparisons of each quote with all vendors. Commissioners asked if Tom could clarify each of the quotes and comparisons so they could make a better decision on which vendor to approve a contract with. Jamie made a motion to table this until further information is received or clarified from Tom.

#3 Highway Superintendent – Anthony Thomas

Anthony presented quotes for plastic culvert pipes instead of galvanized for Log Lick Road. Waiting on weather to improve to start the work. This will be a savings of nearly \$10,000.00 to use plastic instead of galvanized pipe. Funds are budgeted for this. Also, discussed was J&N to evaluate the radios. Received new signs for water crossing. Also, Switzerland County clean up signs are in, Southeastern Indiana Recycling District agreed to pay for these, 10 signs were ordered. Will discuss with trustees for direction to where to install. Bridge 23 approaches have been resurfaced. Three truck beds are in need of repair or replacement, bids will be obtained. Asphalt quotes are coming in. Jamie asked Anthony to look into cost etc. for liquid pretreat of roads. Anthony said we already have a system and will get this system back up and in use. Chemical is just salt and water. 100 Ton of salt was delivered today.

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#4 New Business**A. East Enterprise Sewer District – 3 open board appointments**

*Carol Conner – has been on the board for the past 4 years, would like to be re-instated.

*James Chase – not available tonight, due to illness

*Melissa Jones – would like to be considered for this position – new applicant

*Christina Miller – Presently on the board – took over for her deceased husband – looking to be re-instated

*Dave Muncey – not available tonight, due to illness

No decision will be made tonight, Commissioners would like to speak with Mr. Muncey and Mr. Chase by phone. They will make a decision and will officially vote at the next meeting, February 7th, 2022.

Jamie asked what is the board's intentions on creating comprehensive by-laws moving forward. Christina Miller spoke up and they are in the process of establishing a new set of by-laws. Carol Conner spoke and said they have been working on this for several months.

B. Mal-Practice Insurance – Nurse Practitioner

Katia Stefanova malpractice is up for renewal. Susie obtained quote from Gardner for coverage since all the other policies have been switched from Hummel. The quote is for individual liability, as well as, organization liability coverage. Cost is shared with nurse managed clinic and Commissioners budget because of the organizational liability. Price is same from both Insurance companies, underwriter is the same from both Companies, Arlington Roe.

Grant suggested we move her policy to Gardner and Jamie made a motion to approve the quote from Gardner Insurance for malpractice insurance for Katia Stefanova, NP, nurse managed clinic in the amount of \$5,095.53, Grant seconded the motion.

#5 Old Business

1. *Susie updated Commissioners on Alcohol and Tobacco Commission appointment. She has been in contact with Chris Strouse, to verify if there is a conflict of interest with Lisa being appointed, holding dual offices. Most likely a conflict, but will wait on ruling. We might need to appoint another person at the next meeting, February 7, before the next Alcohol & Tobacco meeting on February 9th. meeting so they will have a full board.*
2. *Jamie asked about any comments on snow removal and how well it was handled at the county buildings. Susie had no negative comments. They did need to revisit the medical building for more salt application. That was all.*

#6 Adjournment

With no further business to come before the board, Jamie made a motion to adjourn, Grant seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.

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