

REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY 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.

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

The minutes of the special meeting on Friday, February 11, 2022 were approved as presented on a motion by Jamie, seconded by Jerry and the motion passed.

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

#1 Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (SIRPC)

Kerry McConnell presented an update on the rehab housing grant that was awarded back in 2018, for \$350,000.00 and with a matching housing preservation grant from the USDA of \$70,268.92. They have completed all of the homes that participated in the program, 14 homes qualified. This grant ends on February 28, 2022. There was discussion on how this grant started and what it covered.

#2 Kim Hutcherson-Janseen & Matthew Lieland – Innovation Drive

Kim Hutcherson-Janseen presented information and pictures of the area. They are asking Commissioners for approval to install an access road from the end of innovation drive to the Janseen property. Jon Bond was present and confirmed there were no concerns from an Economic Development perspective. Jamie made a motion to allow Janseen Ag to put in an aggregate access road from the end of Innovation Drive (approximately 250ft) extending to the Janseen property line. Said access road must be to county specifications. The motion was seconded by Jerry and the motion passed.

#3 Highway Superintendent – Anthony Thomas

Anthony reported the following:

- a. ordered new chains for the cinder spreader box, will be in soon
- b. received two quotes on replacement of truck 6, 7 & 8 truck beds that need to be replaced. Approx. \$14,000 per truck with at least 7month wait time.
- c. piping is in for Log Lick – will start this project weather permitting
- d. training on pot hole patcher is underway
- e. presented two quotes for a new commercial power washer
- f. J&N updated some equipment for the radios and they seem to be working better. Jerry noted that the County repeater will need to be replaced in the near future. Also, mentioned the tower in Patriot is in disrepair.

g. County Highway Dept. hauled 1000 ton of the ice melt from Nucor, Core Zero works great, \$3.50 per ton.
Jamie made a motion to approve the quote for 3 truck beds at \$14,157.00 per truck for a total of \$42,471.00, the motion was seconded by Jerry and the motion carried. Will look at the purchase of the power washer at a later time.

#4 New Business

- a. USI Consultants, Inc. Derek Towle, review On-Call contract: Update the contract for On-Call contract. This would be used for minor projects that would need to be completed. Previous contract was from 2019, the new contract is the same price, open ended contract, just update pricing and a 30 day termination notice on either side. No cost until it is used. We have not used it in the past. Jamie made a motion to approve the USI Consultants contract for On-Call Contracts, the motion was seconded by Jerry and the motion passed.
- b. Off Road Vehicle Ordinance – Sheriff Brian Morton: DNR requested our ordinance on off road vehicles. The updated ordinance was presented and will be shared with DNR.

#5 Old Business

1. Judge Coy: Formal letter will be written and presented for approval at the next meeting and then communicated with Judge Coy, not ad hock.
2. Additional quotes for mold removal: One additional quote is pending, Commission would like to see the additional quote for mold removal expense before a decision is made.
3. Time & attendance: Jamie asked if we could present information on this topic at the next meeting, if possible
4. Downspouts: Material for downspouts is still not available per contractor
5. Moorefield Bennington Sewer District: Wesley updated Commissioners on status of inspection and testing

#6 Board Reports

No Reports

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With no further business to come before the board, Jerry made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jamie and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Attest: _____

H. Yvette Emmich, Auditor
Switzerland County, Indiana