

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, Jerry Monjar, the county administrator, Susie Swank, and the auditor, Yvette Emmich, Anthony Thomas was absent.

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

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 22, 2022 were approved. Jerry made a motion to approve and Jamie seconded the motion.

Approval of claims: Jerry made a motion to approve and Jamie seconded.

#1 EMA Director, Tom Moore – Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan

Tom presented the signing of the hazardous material emergency response Plan, which was renewed thru LAPC and was approved by committee chairman and vice chairman at last meeting. Only changes made where to update contact names, ie, sheriff, coroner, EMS information and to add Dow Corning and KU Utilities as hazard special response team in order to get us a higher level of response team to head this way if needed. Our level at this time is operations level, second level up from awareness.

Commissioners will table this until the information is updated.

#2 Highway Superintendent

- Maintenance on some gravel road and cleaning ditches
- Goose creek ditches replacing culvert
- Log Lick – replacing culvert pipes
- Box spreader chains replacement
- Pipe replacement of Lower Dryer Fork
- Truck beds are ordered and should be delivered in a couple weeks
*other alternative beds were found at a lower cost, \$12,000 savings, and better suited
- Susie wanted to recognize two Townships that chose to purchase “Do Not Litter” road signs for the County, Pleasant and York Township both purchased six signs each and working with the highway department to install. Other townships are encouraged to participate as well.

#3 New Business

a. Email service and dual authentication – Cyber security – Marty Hankins, email service of dual authentication. Our insurance carrier is requiring us to have this in place before our renewal date. Approximate cost is \$72.00 per user per year. Current expense is \$200 per year total. Susie was quoted another price, she will call back to verify. We have 53 users at this time and Marty will look at reducing this number. Marty would install on a Wednesday night thru a Thursday and would take 24 hours to complete, all email will be down at this time.

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b. Building Super, Mark Archer – Bldg. Permit Fee Schedule

Presented a new building and permit schedule that was presented to the Zoning and Commission Board and approved and then brought to Commissioners. Current fees that we use were established in 1996. He is presenting for an amendment. Susie will reach out to County Attorney, Pat Magrath and confirm the steps that need to be followed to adopt new building permit fees.

c. Mold Expert Contract – Tec Pro, LLC., Destry Ransdell – consultant to help with vendor review of mold remediation. His services would include review of courthouse quotes received from each vendor. On site fee of \$1,500.00, hourly rate of \$250.00 and mileage at \$.585 if applicable. His recommendations would help us make an informed decision.

Jamie made a motion to contract Tec Pro Consulting to give us professional guidance with mold remediation at the court house, Jerry seconded this motion.

d. Public Defender classification for 2023 - Jamie made motion that starting in January 2023, the county will reclassify our current Public Defenders as private contractors and no longer receiving county benefits and county payroll, Jerry seconded the motion. Motion passed.

e. Moorefield Bennington Sewer Dist. – Boyce Billing Software Contract
Annual renewal for the sewer billing software, \$1,340.00 per year.

Jerry Made a motion to renew our contract with Boyce for Moorefield Bennington Sewer District billing, Jamie seconded.

#4 Old Business

a. Ordinance No. 5-03-2021 – ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund
Adding exhibit A. Ordinance was established in May 2021 to receive money and exhibit A is to establish our plan. We have worked with Bakertilly on this project for assistance. Jerry made a motion to add Exhibit A to Ordinance No. 5-03-2021 and Jamie seconded the motion. The plan includes:

*Courthouse restorations

*Road Maintenance

*Moorefield/Bennington Sewer District

*any potential overages and reallocations at a later date.

This money is money that will help us offset our budget for the above items that we have not kept up with due to the budget and has not been done in several years.

Per Jamie, Council and Commissioners worked closely together to identify where these funds would best be used, it was a joint effort to benefit everyone in the community.

#4 Board Reports

a. Susie announced we are receiving bids for mowing and landscaping needs for the court house, tech building, medical building and Bennington and Moorefield sewer districts. All have been posted on line.

b. Mr. Phillips asked about updates on issues with trash/junk removal on properties on and around Plum Creek, with the current ordinances it limits what can be done. Ordinances will need to be updated in order to do more. Ordinance vary drastically county to county. Will make an effort to improve this, but no promises on how long it will take.

c. Jerry updated issues with cross training with the pot hole patcher. They are out patching as much as they can, weather permitting.

With no further business to come before the board, Jerry made a motion to adjourn, Jamie seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.

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