

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MAY 16, 2022

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 was no present, the county administrator, Susie Swank, and the auditor, Yvette Emmich. Anthony Thomas was not present as well.

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

Approval of Minutes from the following meeting:

a. Regular meeting on Monday, May 2, 2022 were approved as written on a motion by Jamie, seconded by Grant.

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

#1 Dog Concern – Florence residents – Bobby and Lynn Gibson

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Gibson spoke regarding issues with neighbor's dog. The pin is very close to their property line and she is afraid to mow or walk out due to the dog. The pin is only 4feet tall and they are afraid dog will jump out. Dog waste is an issue as well. Also, neighbor has very large fires that Mr. Gibson is concerned with. He was instructed to call the non-emergency sheriff number in regard to the fires. Kelly with Switzerland County Animal Shelter made comment that they have been out to this property in 2020 when Lynn was bit, they were sighted for not being in compliance with rabies and dog being across property line. Second incident was noted in February 2021 for dogs being off property again. Lynn stated she has called since then. Kelly will go back to talk with owner. Suggestions were made to get copies of the ordinance and follow up with the current guidelines and regulations to be enforced.

#2 Highway Superintendent – Anthony Thomas

Anthony was not present, but the following was noted:

- Purchased final drive for track excavator
- Replaced pipe on Lost Fork, Lewis Road and Bennett Road
- Pipe has been ordered for Evans Hill project and will be delivered to the job sight
- Mowing and spraying crews are out and mowing
- Patching, culvert work on Aaron Road
- Grading gravel roads
- Working on asphalt plans
- One mower is in shop at this time- Posey and York, Long-arm is being used instead

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#2 New Business

a. Vacation of Public Roads – Matt Hocker and Vicky Hinman. Petition for vacation of public road right of way. Comes now Petitioner, Jeffrey Martin Robinson, and pursuant to I.C. 36-7-3-12, petitions the Switzerland County Board of Commissioners for clarification of prior vacations and if necessary vacate the Right-of-Ways for public roadway in the unincorporated Town of Florence, Indiana described as follows:

West end of Cincinnati Street from Fourth Street to Third Street, the west end of Vevay Street from Fourth Street to Third Street and the south end of Fourth Street from Cincinnati Street to the vacated Water Street as shown.

1. Petitioner is an owner of property contiguous to the public right-of-way and public roadway Cincinnati Street, Vevay Street and Fourth Street.
2. The public ways to be vacated is part of the public roads known as Cincinnati Street, Fourth Street and Vevay Street in the Town of Florence in Switzerland County, Indiana, and are unimproved without roadway.
3. The names and addresses of the other owners of land that about the public way to be vacated are as follows:
Ray & Villie McDaniel, 15368 Cincinnati St., Florence, IN 47020, James A. Glatthaar Trust, 911 Arran Court, Union, KY 41091, Tracy and Melissa Hinman, 15778 State Hwy 156, Florence, IN 47020, Patrick S. & Teresa Bovard Lyons, 4080 Kelly Road, Vevay, IN 47043, Jim and Christine Burk, P O Box 52, Florence, IN 47020, JAJG Limited Partnership, 911 Arran Court, Union, KY 41091

The above mentioned was presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission and a unanimous vote was had and signed. Also, this has been posted in local newspaper. Ordinance will be 2022-05-16 and will be recorded and transferred at the court house.

- b. Surveyor, Brian McAllister – presented information on a right of way road dedication ordinance which would allow county and highway department to have an easement for road repairs and maintenance. This will be tabled at this time to have County Attorney, Pat McGrath to review.
- c. NMC – Sandra Adams presented a COVID policy book on behalf of Dr. Scott Frede that he feels Commissioners need to review and sign off on.
- d. Florence Regional Sewer District – Board Appointment – There is one appointment and one applicant, this opening has been advertised in the local paper. It is a five year term. Steve Lyons is the applicant. Jamie made a motion to appoint Steve Lyons to the Florence Regional Sewer Board and Grant seconded the motion.

#3 Old Business

- a. Bennington Sewer District – Construction/consultant and Engineer Contract – Jamie being on the committee spoke in regard to this lengthy process to rebuild and restore the wetland system. The State Health Department suggested we hire an engineer to review our current wetlands system. Upon their review, they recommended a new system or process that would be more

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efficient. The new system is a contained system which does not allow vegetation growth into the rock filtration system.

At this time we have the following quotes:

- Copperwaite Group in the amount of \$15,000.00, to oversee the project
- S&M Nix quotes for \$54,675.00 fiberglass tanks
- \$121,500.00 (not to exceed) for installation of the tanks, which will include installation, concrete, expanding electrical, plum into main system and grass seeding and straw. Based on 27 units being installed.

This does not include anything for the wetlands portion of this project. Each homeowner will be notified via letter. We will clarify the quantity of tanks to purchase. Our current budget is \$150,000 and we will allocated \$150,000 from the ARPA money, at this time we are estimating about \$190,000.00 on this project. We will not know what the other project will cost until we start on this first phase of engineering work.

Jamie made a motion to approve the engineering contract with Copperwaite Design Group for the Bennington Sewer District project for \$15,000.00, Grant seconded this motion.

Jamie made a motion to approve the purchase and installation of the _____ fiberglass pits from S&M Nix Excavating for the Bennington Sewer District project in the amount of \$156,600.00, conditional to revising the quantity of _____ units from _____, Grant seconded the motion upon revision of quantity.

Copperwaite has 45 days of signature to submit get his submittal to the Health Department.

Contract price on installation is not figured on a per home bases.

b. Courthouse – mold remediation – Mike with Amerestore Restoration spoke in regard to the contract and the addendums for this project, specifically on project price section – slight change on the NTE due to the time of year and the heat. Workers will be working in full Tyvek suits and will require more breaks, increased labor time. Project time line is estimated at 3 week, depending on scheduling with other contractors. They use a T & M software that will allow daily updates of time spent and materials used on the prior day's work, this allows for a more accurate costing. They would like to start as soon as June 1, 2022, contingent upon scheduling with other contractor.

Grant made a motion to award the mold remediation contract for the courthouse, as written in the recommendation from our consultant, Tec Pro, to Amerestore Restoration Team in the amount of \$219,000.00 (not to exceed \$270,000.00) and Jamie seconded this motion.

Gutters have been completed
HVAC coil Fan units (8) have been installed, drywall is pending
Upgrade on the HVAC panels are completed
Installation of duck work and above the court room will need to be completed

