

JOINT MEETING – THURSDAY AT 5:00 P.M.

The Switzerland County Council and The Switzerland County Board of Commissioners met in a joint session pursuant to law and by being duly advertised.

Those present: Council members: Andy Haskell, Mathew Dutkiewicz, Todd Chase, Lance Collier, Commissioners: Jamie Peters, Jerry Monjar, County Administrator: Susie Swank, County Auditor: Yvette Emmich, County Treasurer: Gayle Rayles, Highway Superintendent: Anthony Thomas, Highway Administrator: Carla Armstrong, Sheriff Brian Morton, EMA Director: Tom Moore and Jon Bond. Lisa Fisher, Grant Dean and Steve Jones-Ellard and Randy Leap joined by telephone.

The meeting was opened at 5:00p.m. by Commissioner Jamie Peters with a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Topic of Discussion – 2022 September Flood Disaster

Jamie started the meeting off by thanking everyone for coming and thanking all the volunteers for gathering information and donations. Also, he wanted to give an update on where we are with the potential state and federal assistance related to the damage, what information we need to have and need to gather to satisfy these department in order to receive assistance.

Also in attendance was Cindy from the Switzerland County School Corp to speak on behalf of the bus route/transportation issues. She stated they are not impacted at this time due to the flooding due to the opening of SR 250.

Tom gave an update: Eric Tuemler, Deputy Director, will be helping with: the data collection and input. The 211 sight is a very important part of collecting data for the county and needs to be done by any individual that has experienced any issues or damage.

Damage assessment on 10 structure, all minor, three (3) destroyed, six (6) minor, One (1) effected for IA. Has also received other calls for other assessments and will be doing those in the next day or so. The assessment is for any flood related damage. Please contact Tom Moore or visit his web site for further information.

The initial application has been started and needs to be completed as soon as possible to turn into the state. The due date will be confirmed with Mary from the IDHS. Jamie will call and confirm.

National Weather Service will be here for a sight visit on September 9, 2022 to visit the area.

We need to hold a public meeting to inform the public and this should be done as soon as possible, possibly Monday, September 12th. Will like to have IDHS in attendance as well to help with 211 website and any other questions. Needs to be advertised to let the public know.

In addition, Jamie wanted to provide information that we have received from IDHS. State and Federal threshold levels are critical. State level to qualify for assistance is \$39,000 in damages with a minimum of 25 homes significantly damaged. Federal threshold level is 12M and can include the surrounding counties. At this time we are working on getting estimates on all tree removal, bridge repair etc., this is time sensitive matter.

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Anthony updated that he has received two estimates so far. The three (3) roads that are still closed are Popcorn and bottom of Sargent Booker and Brown Road. Neil Lee Road has significant damaged. Confirmation from John Agan w/DNR and we can get into creeks to remove debris, but cannot change the waterways. Need estimated on all damages to all bridges, dry fords, culverts.

Auditor office will create a new account line in the Highway fund #1173 to allow expenses to be paid out of at this time. Jamie is requesting approximately \$500,000.00 to fund this account line. Per Jacque, we will need to appropriate funds for this expense. The money we receive will be reimbursed at a later time, either by a tax increase or IDHS funds.


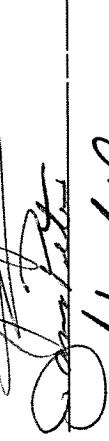

We will need to find a source of funds if we do not qualify for IDHS/FEMA funding. Jon Bond spoke about these options.

There being no further discussion, Jerry made a motion to adjourn and Andy seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



 James N. Cole



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