

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 20, 2026

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: Jamie Peters and Joe Bennett, County Dusty Hunt -Hwy Superintendent. Gayle Sullivan, county auditor. Ryan Harison-absent

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

Approval of the January 5, 2026 meeting. Jamie made a motion and Joe second. All in favor

Approval of claims. Jamie made a motion to approve claims as presented and Joe made a second. All in favor.

Hwy Superintendent-Dusty Hunt

- Crews have been long armimg the roadsides
- Truck #8 repairs completed
- We received another payment from FEMA on the 2025 flooding. Total received was \$13,279
- Powers road surveyed signed.
- Bids for replacement of bridge #16 on Allenville Road. McCalister Excavating-\$841,500.00; Dave O'Mara-\$760,429.00. Jamie made a motion to approve Dave O'Mara for bridge #16 in the amount of \$760,429.00 contingent upon all necessary paperwork being provided. Joe second. All in favor.

Old Business

- a. Casino revenue-revision of numbers from the original \$5 million to \$5.4 million. Discussion was had between the Commissioners and then opened up to audience for comments. Jamie said there could be a possible 4% reduction each year going forward for the county and every entity that receives funds from the casino revenue. Jamie made a motion to table discussion about casino revenue until next meeting on 2/2/2026. Joe second. All in favor.
- b.

New Business

- a. John Kniola- Park board had a normal scheduled meeting and has a signed contract from YPAC and got the insurance information. Replaced monitored for the cameras and got them back up. Spoke with Brian at the Sheriff's office and they were not working.
- b. Tye Sullivan-CFSCI update and presented county with information with endowment funds. Safe Haven baby box fund established in 2022 and housed at the SCER building. Still have around \$4500.00 to use and once that fund is fully dispensed there is an endowment set up. Senior living fund was established in 2021 by Commissioner. Randy Knott fund for the animal shelter. Along with the Danglade Fund for the animal shelter along with a new fund the Ralph and Kathy Tucker fund that will hopefully have its first distribution next year. Foundation is also working with Wade Hughes in his advance manufacturing class to build dog houses for the shelter. The Switzerland County Quality of Life fund was established in 1998 by the Commissioners and there is a distribution this

year. Tye also spoke about the Foundation willing to help with the opioid monies received from the state.

- c. Tom Conroy and William Johnson-Election board-asked help from highway department to help with moving election equipment. Discussion was had between the Commissioners. Joe made a motion to help with the spring and fall election. Jamie second. All in favor.
- d. SRI-Zach and Yvette-discussion of Commissioner sale. Commissioner sale is what is leftover after the tax sale. Jamie made a motion to approve contingent upon legal looking over contract for a commissioner sale and Joe second. All in favor.

e. Kathy Health dept-backfill the position of Environmental Health specialist. of position at the health department. Jamie made a motion to approve and Joe second. All in favor. Joe made a motion to approve Sharon Stevenson to the Health board and Jamie second. All in favor.

Board Reports

None Jamie-none

Joe-27th endowment meeting

With no further business to come before the board, Joe made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jamie. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.