

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 15, 2025

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

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

Approval of minutes from December 1, 2025 regular meeting. Joe made a motion and Ryan second. All in favor.

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

Hwy Superintendent-Dusty Hunt

- Powers Road-Matt Hocker representing Kent Brockman-easement for 50' right of way. Ryan made a motion to accept the 50' right-of-way with no encroachment to structures there already contingent upon Dusty's notification to the State and Joe second. All in favor.
- Bridge 16 still waiting on engineers to submit redesign
- Received notification of Community Crossing Grant award. Total received is \$858,396.00
- Received first two reimbursements from FEMA/Homeland security for the flood projects submitted: \$3,390.41 for emergency protective measures (signs, traffic control, sandbags) and \$10,035.74 for debris removal. Ryan made the comment about the Community Crossing grant changing this upcoming year. Switzerland county got the most out of any other county and recognized Dusty Hunt and Jenny Owens working together.
- Unofficial Detour Reimbursement Contract B-39907 for Oatman Hill road needs to be signed
- Mailbox ordinance-needs something in place for the county. Garrett should have together next meeting.
- Crews have been plowing snow and pretreating roads
- Discussion was had about moving holidays back to New Year's Eve to Juneteenth.

Old Business

- a. Ryan Eberman-Stryker contract discussion. Ryan made a motion to approve the Stryker contract for 5 years and gave Ryan Everman permission to sign. Joe making a second. All in favor. The money will be taken from the SCER fund 1151. Ryan also asked that the rates for SCER be raised. Discussion was had and asked that Garrett revise the old order.
- b. YMCA grant-Wren apologized about not submitting the paperwork for what the money was used for. Ryan made a motion to approve and Joe second. Joe and Ryan-Yay Jamie-Nay

New Business

- a. John Kniola-park news Melissa called from State highway department thanking him for altering them about the illegal sign at 156 and 101. Wednesday, December 3rd, Mike called from security company and wanted to get this done and he was a no call no show. Tuesday December 9th asked president of YPAC to iron out new usage of ball fields. Council finally accepted the resignation of old member and appointed a new member. Thanked Sandy for excellent service after 40 years. Zoning still surrounded by inoperable vehicles.
- b. Heather Rieman-PT hire-she asked to backfill the position of the PT hire. This position will be paid out of the donation fund. Ryan made a motion to backfill the PT position and Joe second. All in favor.
- c. Karin Clerk's office-backfill position of ISETS deputy. Ryan made a motion to approve the backfill of position and Jamie second. All in favor.
- d. Herschel-Fire Alarm System-Ryan made a motion to approve Fire Alarm System as the county's Fire Alarm System. Joe made a second. All in favor.

Board Reports

Jamie-none

Joe-none

Ryan-none

Jamie spoke about the grant approval and what is required from the NGOs. Garrett was going to look at the grant agreement and get back with Commissioners. With no further business to come before the board, Ryan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Attest:

Gayle Sullivan, Auditor
Switzerland County, Indiana


