

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: Jerry Monjar and Jamie Peters and Grant Dean. Auditor Gayle Sullivan.

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

Approval of Minutes from the regular meeting on January 16, 2024. Jerry made a motion and Grant second. All in favor.

The payroll claims were approved as presented on a motion by Grant, second by Jerry. Jamie was opposed. Accounts payable claims were approved as presented. Jerry made a motion and Grant made a second. All in favor.

#1 Highway Superintendent –

- January 18th prepared roads with brine and salt and cindered hills for upcoming snow.
- The 19th had crews come in early and stay late to plow and treat roads
- The 20th had crews come in and retreat the road and hills for patches of ice
- Monday the 22nd retreated bus turn arounds and hills for potential freezing rain Tuesday morning
- Crews have been spreading chips on the gravel road hills for traction on the ice that was left over
- Crews have all the cutting edges replaces on the snow plows
- Had to replace all the road signs on Ivan Allen Road they were all stolen around the same time
- Crews have started covering all the gravel roads with gravel
- Crews have been removing downed trees back away from edges of the road
- Mechanic has been servicing trucks and equipment
- Crews have been cleaning out culverts for debris washed in from the heavy rains
- We are able to get cinders this year and we will start hauling them here shortly (\$3.00 @ ton)
- Salt brine hopper frame is finished and back in working order

#2 Old Business

- a. **G2 Strategies LLC Contract**-\$60,000.00 annually. Jerry made a first with Jamie making a second. All in favor
- b. **Affordable Care Act 1557**- Grant made a motion to make no changes to the current policy. Jamie made a second. All in favor.
- c. **Revision of cell phone ordinance**- Jamie made a motion to remove the Commissioner and Council president, change the county administrator to county manager and to add the county highway mechanic. Grant made a second. All in favor.

#3 New Business

- a. **Judge Coy-** Judge spoke about the additional probation officer that will be hired and would like to use the tech building if possible. Jamie suggested that the additional space in the Clerk's office could possibly be used. The Judge will talk to the Sheriff's office to see about additional space and Jamie will speak to use the tech building.
- b. **John Kniola-** Park news he picked up trash at Bryant's Creek. Ohio Riverway was knocked down and on Markland Pike the Core of Engineer sign is almost invisible because it has faded. Two local people have volunteered to help with flowers. Zoning-Town of Vevay has changed the meeting nights to Tuesday nights. Filed a complaint form and the house on West Main Street has been cleaned up.
- c. **Kathy Slawson-**Dr. Findley came asking for approval for the building out back to have a new heating/cooling. Grant made a motion to approve Nading Mechanical for \$2352.00 and the money to come from fund #4930. Jerry made a second. All in favor. Also, the wall in the health dept, making one office into two. Jerry made a motion to approve Travis Miller for \$4950.00 with Jamie making a second. All in favor. Dr Findley also talked about Grant being his contact for getting a new dentist into town. With Grant leaving he is asking for Jamie or Jerry to be a contact.
- d. **ADP/payroll process-**Still waiting on Harris/ADP to get together to balance the GL. Jamie will get a meeting for employees to come and ADP to go over any issues.
- e. **County Handbook-**Jamie wanted to talk about the few issues from the handbook. Page 23 section 3.15.1 currently reads, Time off for bereavement leave, jury duty, and paid holidays shall not be considered hours worked for calculating overtime. Jamie made a motion to remove the word not. So, it will read Time off for bereavement leave, jury duty, and paid holidays shall be considered hours worked for calculating overtime. Jerry made a second. All in favor. Page 2 1.4 PAC committee, currently states 1 commissioner, 1 county council and HR Director. Jerry made a motion to amend the PAC committee to 1 commissioner, 1 council and county manager (currently states county administrator) Jamie made a second. All in favor. Jamie asked about which accrual method we were using 36 hour or 40 hours. The 36 hour was removed. Jamie would like the PAC committee to go back and review the accrual method. Page 25 speaking about the Highway dept able to earn 80 hours of comp time. Jamie made a motion to remove the entire paragraph from the handbook and Jerry made a second. All in favor. Mat got up and spoke about sending the handbook back to the county attorney for further review. Also, discussion was had about section where if there was an employee leaving is there a need to go before council.
- f. **Pete Swango/board appt.-Alcohol and Tobacco Board-1yr term- Grant** made a motion to appt Cotton Splain with Jamie making a second. All in favor. **Cemetery Board-**Grant made a motion to approve Nancy Barker, Carolyn Miller, Burt Allen, Cyndi Harris and Barry Brown. Jerry made a second. All in favor. **Economic Development Board-**Grant made a motion to table with Jamie making a second. All in favor. **Economic Development Board-**Grant made a motion to approve Larry Jones, Scott Crandell and Sarah Brichto. Jamie made a second All in favor. **SIRPC-**Grant made a motion to approve Jon Bond, Sarah Brichto and Robert Teeter. Jerry second. All in favor. **Tourism-**Grant made a motion to table with Jerry making a second. All in favor.

#3 Board Reports

Jamie - none
Jerry-none.
Grant-none

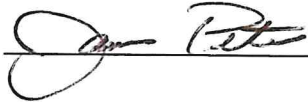
4 Announcement

Bond #6627383 for Travis Miller, Craig Trustee. Jamie made a motion to approve with Jerry making a second. All in favor. Bond #6532760 for Switz Co Treasurer, Gayle Rayles. Jerry made a motion with Jamie making a second. All in favor. Bond #6649018 for Eric Swank, YMCA Board. Jerry made a motion with Jamie making a second. All in favor.

Sarah Brichto gave report for SIRPC. She will be giving these reports quarterly going forward.

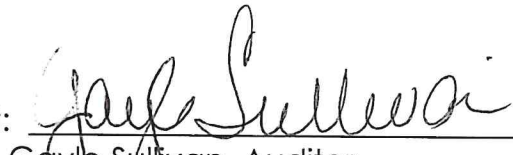
Grant said this is his last meeting because of selling his home and moving.

With no further business to come before the board, Grant made a motion to adjourn, second by Jerry. All in favor. Meeting ended @ 7:08pm.





Attest:



Gayle Sullivan, Auditor
Switzerland County, Indiana