

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-Auditor. Garrett Bascom-County Attorney.

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

Approval of minutes from March 2, 2026 meeting. Joe made a motion and Jamie second. All in favor.

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

Hwy Superintendent-Dusty Hunt

- Right of Way for bridge #16 have all been granted
- We have 3,601 tons of 6,000 total of #11 chips hauled for chip and seal work
- Crews have been running roads for tree damage
- The 3 new dump trucks are in use
- We Have 3 Chevy dump trucks to put o auction after we remove the brine tank wiring system
- Travis Miller-Craig Township trustee purchase T post-commissioners okayed
- Backhoe quotes-Case product-tabled

Old Business

- a. Ryan Secord-tabled
- b. Joe Spillman-quotes for new truck for coroner. Quote from Kelsey Chevrolet-\$28,969.80 and would give \$6,500.00 for old Durango. Ryan made a motion to approve purchase of 2026 Chevy truck from casino rainy day fund. Joe second. All in favor.

New Business

- a. Veterans Affair Officer- Ron Higgins spoke about a new law IC10-17-1-9.
- b. John Kniola-Toured all three parks and all well. One tattered flag at Markland. Mobile home at Bryants creek was handled improperly. Ball season is getting ready to start and new netting.
- c. Sheriff's office MOU-Brian Morton spoke about additional income by housing Ohio county inmates. An additional income of \$250,000.00 @ year as guaranteed income. Possibly commit part of that as income for the employees at the Sheriff's department. An MOU was drawn up but this is a form of a contract that needs approval from commissioners. Joe made a motion to approve the contract as presented from Ohio county. Jamie second. All in favor.
- d. Opioid Fund-Dr Findley spoke about the restricted and unrestricted funds. More discussion was had about the use of the funds with the possibility of having an advisory committee. Joe made a motion to approve the donation of \$5,000.00 for the after-prom and Jamie second. All in favor.

- e. Custodian-discussion was had about a company coming in and the cost of one company/person was at least \$40.00 @ hour. The decision was made to post the position as a part time position. 24 hours a week.
- f. Discussion was had about a new hire as to when a person should start. Whether they should start immediately upon accepting the offer letter or after all the background/drug screen were done and back. Bring up at the next handbook meeting.
- g. Baker Tiley contract-Joe made a motion to retain Baker Tiley for 2026 and Jamie second. All in favor.
- h. Joe Spillman-spoke about the cap for the new truck. Joe made a motion to not exceed \$2,500.00 for a new cap. Ryan second. All in favor.
- i. Jamie made a motion to approve Bond#67347446 for Joseph Spillman, county coroner. Ryan second. All in favor.
- j. Discussion was had about the panic buttons for the county that each person has at their desk.

Board Reports

Ryan-none

Joe-none

Jamie-none

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 5:57 p.m.



Attest:



Gayle Sullivan, Auditor
Switzerland County, Indiana

