

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: Jamie Peters, Joe Bennett and Ryan Harrison. Auditor Gayle Sullivan

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

Approval of Minutes from the regular meeting on January 21, 2025. Joe made a motion and Ryan second. All in favor.

Approval of claims Jamie made a motion second by Ryan. All in favor.

#1 Hwy Superintendent-Dusty Hunt

- Crews have been rotating through the shop doing winter maintenance and repairs on the equipment

- Crews have been removing fallen trees back away from the road sides
- We have been patching pot holes from the recent freeze

- We have finished all our EV and distance sign changes to be up to date on our bridge inspections

- Truck #7 that went down during the snow has a bad BCM module we sent it to Fida to get the new module programmed to the truck
- Truck #6 that got the used module programmed to the truck-back at the shop

- Truck #18 is getting started on next New truck quote-discussion was had about the quote and how to purchase the new truck. Ryan made a motion to except the bid for a new truck and Joe second. All in favor.

- Bridge #16 engineering-discussion was had and it is scheduled 2025. Get another quote for engineering.

- CH Electrical Services-quote for \$1097.00 for electrical contacts by breaker box and install a switch. Jamie makes a motion to approve and Ryan seconds. All in favor.

#1 Old Business

- a. Timesheets-discussion was had about the jailer's salary and who was getting the correct pay. The jailers are getting the correct pay per hour. I gave out the copy of the timesheet. Also, the repayment of how the hours need to be paid by the employees.

#2 New Business

- a. John Knioia- toured all three parks on January 27th. Educational signs have been installed at the parks. Thanks to Dusty's crew for snow plowing Patriot and Bryant's creek. Patriot news attend a sheriff's sale on January 28th, for the home on Fourth Street only one bidder besides John and it sold for \$13,363.29. February 4th Patriot Town Council will discuss the empty post office building on the list of unsafe buildings. John asked about the new ordinances that were discussed last year. Jamie spoke about someone contacting Pat Magrath and seeing where he goes on that before he resigned. Jamie also spoke about the Code Enforcement Officer and the

position not being funded and may have to look at that again if we do get the new ordinances so they will be enforced.

b. Bascom and Keiser Law Office-discussion was had about replacing our legal representation. They also represent County of Franklin Commissioners and South Dearborn for two years and Jac Cen Dal school district. Hourly rate is \$225.00, paralegal @\$50.00 also bill for travel. Would be happy to represent commissioners, council, planning and zoning. There were agreements passed out for review.

c. Mark Schutte-tourism project. Discussion was had about a Paul Ogile Riverfront Park Stage and Upgrades. (Stage, permanent pavilion, portable stage and upgrade to current infrastructure) The discussion was had about increasing the innkeeper's tax from 5% to 8%. Jamie made a motion to approve the drafting a support letter with project and Ryan second. All in favor.

d. Coroner-vehicle. Discussion was had about using one of the Durango that was purchased for a position that didn't get funded and turned into a vehicle for the coroner. Ryan made a motion to reallocate the vehicle and Jamie second. All in favor

#4 Board Reports

Joe- introduction of new members, Jow was made president. Endowment has roughly \$1.4 million and next meeting on 2/25/25

Ryan-none

Jamie-none

4 Announcement

Meeting minutes from the Board of Finance. Jamie made a motion to approve and Joe second. All in favor.

East Enterprise Sewage-Cristina Dixon-Jamie made a motion to appoint Cristina Dixon. Ryan made a second. All in favor. SIRPC-Ryan made a motion to appoint Sarah Brichto and Joe second. All in favor.

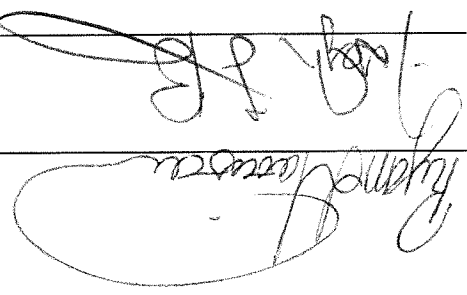
Jamie spoke about the council meeting and the salary discussion. He compared the courthouse workers and the highway workers. In his opinion he doesn't believe it to be fair and needs to be discussed.

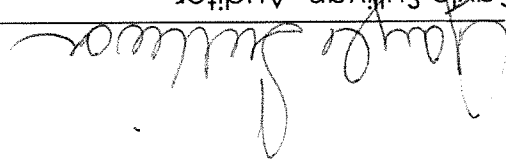
Approval of conflict of interest for Travis Richards-Ryan makes a motion and Joe seconds. All in favor.

Discussion was had about the appropriation for the highway. They need to reappropriate \$15,000.00 from the revenue to the overtime line.

Tom More-EMA-Ryan make a motion to approve the plan and Joe makes a second. All in favor.

With nothing further Ryan made a motion to adjourn and Joe made a second. All in favor. Meeting ended at 6:03





Attest: Gayle Sullivan, Auditor
Switzerland County, Indiana

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: Joe Bennett and Ryan Harrison. Auditor Gayle Sullivan. Jamie Peters was absent.

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

Approval of Minutes from the regular meeting on February 3, 2025. Joe made a motion and Ryan second. All in favor.

Approval of claims Ryan made a motion second by Joe. All in favor. Joe asked that Jon Bond be present at the meeting in April.

#1 Hwy Superintendent-Dusty Hunt

- Crews have been plowing and treating roads from recent snow falls
- Crews have been putting rock on the gravel roads
- The pothole machine is out patching potholes and crews are also using cold patch to patch the smaller potholes
- Truck #7 is still waiting to be fixed at Fida
- Truck #16 engineering? APS Geo quotes for \$46,650.00-Ryan made a motion to accept the bid from APS Geop and Joe second. All in favor.
- Bids for remodel at the shop
- Ryan brought up the truck that had been pulled over by the county deputy-all was repaired and truck was good to go.
- Ryan brought up the OT that the county has paid to employees this far. Dusty said it has been around \$35,000.00

#1 Old Business

- a. **JJ Sullivan**-payment for jobs that have ben completed. Ryan makes a motion for bills that have been submitted and work that has been finished. \$55,140.00 and \$41,100.00. Joe makes a second. All in favor.
- b. **Co Hwy pays rates**-tabled

#2 New Business

- a. **Joe Spillman**- spoke about the cooler that is over 25 years old. The last time is was repaired Haskell Morrison fixed it. Haskell Morrison houses the unit as of now. Discussion was had about purchasing a new cooler. Dodge \$8,295.00, which includes delivery but not setup, Douglas equipment \$11,774.00 which does include setup and delivery. American Mortuary, quote was not stated. Also, discussion of coroner's vehicle needing replaced. Discussion was had about the cooler and possibly getting a local contractor to assemble. Tabled untill the March 3rd meeting. Joe will be getting quotes for the assembly of the cooler.
- b. **John Knioia**-had regular scheduled meeting on 2/17/24. Met with Jon Bond on 2/12/25 about the drudging project. Spoke to YPAC president on 2/6/25 and spoke about an equipment building they want to put up. Toured all three parks on 2/14/25 and our PA system is in. The flag is ordered and will be in. Received a donation from York twp trustee. Patriot town council seems to have gotten cold feet lately and have been talking

to two property owners and they have 180 to rehab or remove. Town of Vevay gave property owner until March 2nd to remove a storage building that was built on a sidewalk. Town of Vevay had a meeting after the original meeting about properties. John asked about the county ordinances and commissioners are waiting until the county obtains legal counsel. John also talked about roof at Markland Park.

- c. **Patty Jackson**-tabled.
- d. **Bascom & Kaiser**-Ryan made a motion to obtain Bascom & Kaiser as legal counsel for Switzerland County. Joe made a second. Contract will be at signed at next meeting.
- e. **Ryan Everman**-EMS-ESO billing ordinance. Tabled for a later conversation. Contract for Medicount-fees will be taken from the payments that come in. Ryan made a motion to accept to switch Medicount and Joe second. All in favor. Discussion was had about the ambulances and the ages and mileage on each one. It was brought up for the possibility of a new one. Discussion was had about other equipment that will be needing replaced. The possibility of applying for grants to help with funds to replace all of these items. Ryan was asked to get quotes on the ambulance and an auto-loader. The budget was brought up and the numbers on OT and PRN pay. TCP lab tech software-\$3367.00 start up and \$2430.00 is annually. Joe made a motion to approve and Joe second. All in favor. This will be paid out of casino revenue.

- f. **Casino Revenue**-discussion was had about disbursements. Ryan made a motion with Joe second. All in favor. Joe asked about the Town of Patriot and what the money actually goes towards.

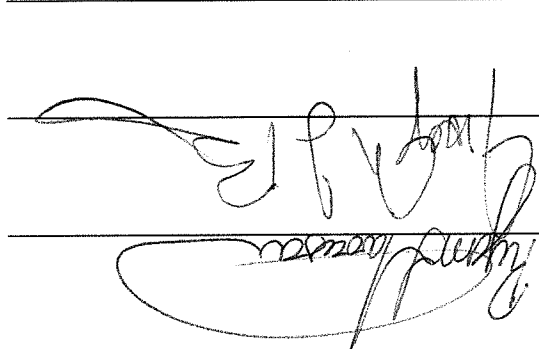
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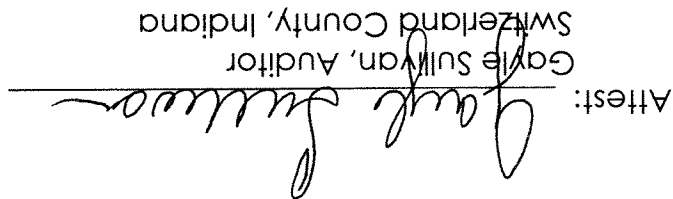
None

4 Announcement

Mowing bids to be advertised until the 14th of March and will be discussed at the March 17th meeting.

With nothing further Ryan made a motion to adjourn and Joe made a second. All in favor. Meeting ended at 6:05



Attest: 
Gayle Sullivan, Auditor
Switzerland County, Indiana

SWITZERLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM FOR MINUTES

PURSUANT TO I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1

An Executive Session was held on **February 18, 2025**. The following topics were discussed: (Mark each section that applies)

- ☒ **(2)(B)** Initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing. As used in this clause, "litigation" includes any judicial action or administrative law proceeding under federal or state law.
- ☐ **(2)(C)** The implementation of EMS agency analysis.
- ☐ **(2)(D)** The purchase or lease of real property by the governing body up to the time a contract or option to purchase or lease is executed by the parties.

- ☐ **(4)** Interviews and negotiations with industrial or commercial prospects or agents of industrial or commercial prospects.

- ☐ **(H)** A governing body of a political subdivision

- ☐ **(5)** To receive information about and interview prospective employees.

- ☐ **(6)** With respect to any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction:

- ☐ **(A)** to receive information concerning the individual's alleged misconduct; and

- ☐ **(B)** to discuss, before a determination, the individual's status as an employee,

- ☐ **(7)** For discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute.

- ☐ **(9)** To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees.

- ☐ **(10)** When considering the appointment of a public official, to do the following:

- ☐ **(A)** Develop a list of prospective appointees.

- ☐ **(B)** Consider applications.

- ☐ **(C)** Make one (1) initial exclusion of prospective appointees from further consideration.

- ☐ **(13)** To discuss information and intelligence intended to prevent, mitigate, or respond to the threat of terrorism.

This certifies that that no subject matter was discussed in the executive session other than the subject matter specified in the public notice.

Switzerland County Commissioner:

By: _____

ATTEST

Switzerland Co. Auditor

