

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 2, 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, Joe Bennett, auditor: Gayle Sullivan County Attorney Jefferson Kiser. Jamie Peters was absent.

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

Approval of minutes from May 19, 2025 regular meeting. Joe made a motion and Ryan second. All in favor

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

Hwy Superintendent-Dusty Hunt

- We temporarily fixed the two slips from flooding on Jackson and Bulger Tapp to open full width of travel until we hear from FEMA
- Crews are mowing the road sides in each district
- Crews have been spraying road signs post and guard rails
- The pothole machine is still patching potholes
- Truck 19 Big Rig replaced the clutch for us and it is back in use
- Truck 18 that's getting a new motor is almost finished
- We had a few trees down this weekend
- Our new mechanic started today
- Bridge inspection contract approval for INDOT-Ryan made a motion to approve the county's match of \$41057.61 and Joe second. All in favor. After approval everything will be sent to INDOT for review and then sent back to us with a contract and needing a signature.
- Joe spoke about Antioch being delayed and a possible other delay. Asked about the striping of the roads. Highway has gotten the new machine but have had some issues. Hoping to have it repaired soon.

Old Business

- a. KDH/Norton-contract-discussion was had with Garrett and will be tabled until next meeting

New Business

- a. Cindy Haskell-Clerk's office-redistricting of townships. Cotton township will go from Cotton I & II to Cotton I, II and III. Jefferson township will go from Jefferson I & II to Jefferson I, II and III. This will only affect the precinct committeemen. Each party chair will have to appoint a new precinct committeeman.
- b. Dawn Recorder-PT employee/scanner-discussion of why the need for the PT employee. Neither commissioner had any issues with this.
- c. Yvette Treasurer-financial-discussion on the want for Baker Tilly to help with the financial side of things. Paige Sansons spoke about what they can provide and help with SB 1 coming. Joe made a motion to approve

with Ryan made a second. All in favor. Yvette will need to go to Council to ask for funding.

d. Teresa Miller-spoke about N Drive in the Land Development. Asked about the possibility of the county purchasing part of her lot. Dusty will look into this more and will get back with her in two weeks.

e. Susan Heitzman-use of gazebo for Saturday. Neither Commissioner had any issues

f. Applications for NGO funding. YMCA-Joe made a motion to approve the amount of \$60,000.00. Ryan made a second. All in favor. CAC-Ryan made a motion to approve \$6000.00 and Joe second. All in favor. The two applications will need to go before the Council on the 11th of June.

Board Reports

Ryan-none

Joe-none

Joe spoke about the county owned vehicle needing to be cleaned and kept clean. With no further business to come before the board, Ryan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe. The meeting adjourned at 6:03p.m.

Attest:

Gayle Sullivan
Gayle Sullivan, Auditor
Switzerland County, Indiana

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Discussion was had about the process of an application for funding from an NGO was turned down what was the procedure. They would have to fill out a new application. The YMCA contract was signed after all approvals. Discussion was had about the small building behind the courthouse. The doors need to be replaced. Jamie suggested to get quotes for the doors. With no further business to come before the board, Joe made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jamie. The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.



Attest:



Gayle Sullivan, Auditor
Switzerland County, Indiana



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 16, 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: Jamie Peters and Joe Bennett, auditor: Gayle Sullivan County Attorney Garrett Bascom. Ryan Harrison was absent.

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

Approval of minutes from June 2, 2025 regular meeting. Jamie made a motion and Joe second. All in favor

Approval of claims. Jamie made a motion to approve the accounts payable and Joe made a second. All in favor. Jamie made a motion to approve the payroll claims and Joe second. All in favor.

Hwy Superintendent-Dusty Hunt

- Mt. Sterling-replaced sign post hit by truck/car
- Mowing roadsides
- Spraying-vegetation control-district #2 & 3
- Patching potholes (Kelly Rd low water crossing-bad holes fixed)
- Berming in District #1
- Ditches cleaned out in Pleasant Twp
- Fire extinguishers pulled from equipment for annual inspection
- Missing stop signs & road signs replaced on Seymour Rd
- Employees are training on the new mini excavator
- Hauling/spreading gravel on roads in District #2
- New mechanic-finished repairs to new paint stripper
- New mechanic-swapping equipment from old ambulance to new
- Replaced culverts on Kennett Rd to prepare for paving
- Working on estimates to repair Evans Hill from semi damage
- Bridge # 13 is finished and waiting final inspection by FPBH
- 2026-2029 Bridge inspection contract was approved for signing by INDOT
- Discussion was had about the Wheel Tax/CCG

Old Business

- a. Teresa Miller-discussion was had about property in Patriot, corner of Beech Street and North Drive. Teresa Miller asked that the county but the property back because the road goes through her property. Garrett spoke about different views on this situation. Joe asked that 30 days be given to do more research on specific ordinance and Dusty will do more research.

- b. Norton contract-tabled

New Business

- a. Stacey Assessor-Professional appraiser-Vision quote for \$249,750.00 for 4-year contract and Tyler quote for \$243,780.00. Stacey asked to continue with Vision. Discussion was had about Tyler. Joe made a motion to except Vision and Jamie second. All in favor.
- b. John Kniola-received barn quotes from JJ Sullivan on barn roof repair and netting at Markland Park. 5/28/25 inspected all three parks, Bryant's Creek looks excellent thanks to Dusty and the Highway dept, all well at Patriot. Met with two professors and a gentleman from the Army Core of Engineers who want to explore Markland for native blackberries and dewberries. June 5th insurance adjuster approved \$759.00 for barn roof repairs. Pursue a grant from Dow Corning or Nucor for help with Markland Park. Town of Vevay had hearings for clean up of properties and Patriot gives additional days for cleanup.
- c. Will Pike-asked about Highline Road. Dusty gave information on what he found. The road had been abandoned in 2005. Garrett spoke about getting some clarification of vacating and abandoning county roads.
- d. Allen Otter/Vernon Smith-2740 High Street Patriot-Richard Likenhaus came (owner of property). Dusty got up and spoke about what he had found out. Asking the Commissioners to vacate North Drive from High Street. Tabled until next meeting
- e. Mary Ann Drive-tabled
- f. Switzerland County 4-H-application for funding from casino revenue. Joe made a motion to approve \$25,000.00 and Jamie made a second. All in favor.
- g. Readl Grant-approval Joe made a to approve the grant for the payment of the dues for the Readl grant. Jamie made a second. All in favor.
- h. Ryan EMS- Stryker lease agreement for 2 lift assists. The payment of \$15,744.55 would come out of his budget for this year and would budget for this in following years. Jamie made a motion to approve the leasing purchase of 2 lift assist for the amount of \$15,744.55 and give Ryan Everman authority to sign electronically. Joe second. All in favor.
- i. Dr. Findley-Infants in Bloom-Doc spoke about the Infants in Bloom and the opioid funds matching dollar for dollar. They are needing a letter of intent. Joe made a motion to approve the letter of intent with Jamie made a second. All in favor.
- j. Ordinance 2025-6-16-7-Joe read new ordinance. Jamie made a motion to approve with Joe making a second. All in favor.
- k. Discussion of Baker Tilly contracts. Council only approved \$30,000.00 for the financial side. Gayle is wanting to use AIC along with DLGF. Jamie is wanting to have a second opinion and Joe is going to get a second opinion. Discussion was also had about SBI

Board Reports

Jamie-none
Joe-none
Ryan-absent