

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 7, 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: Joe Bennett, Ryan Harrison and Jamie Peters, auditor: Gayle Sullivan, Highway superintendent Dusty Hunt, County Attorney Jefferson Kiser.

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

Approval of Minutes from the March 17, 2025 meeting were approved, as written, on a motion from Jamie and seconded by Ryan. All in favor.

Approval of Minutes from the March 17, 2025 Special meeting were approved on a motion from Joe and seconded by Ryan. All in favor.

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

#1 Highway Superintendent – Dusty Hunt

- Crews have been cleaning ditches, culverts and crossings from recent storms as well as fallen trees off the roadways.
- Crews got all the culverts replaced on Goodner, Colen and Herman roads for new HMA overlay
- The pothole machine is out patching potholes, crews are also using cold patch to patch smaller potholes
- Mainland is still working on motor replacement for truck #18 (engine should be around \$46,151.47)
- New paint stripping machine was delivered
- OT money \$852.00 left of what was asked for earlier which brings the total of \$40,000.00 for the year. Commissioners will ask for an additional appropriation from council in the amount of \$10,000.00 to come from the Rainy-day fund.
- Hwy employee's salary increases. Comparison between surrounding counties. Discussion was had amongst the Commissioners. Jamie made a motion to increase the hwy employees .60 starting May 1st and the money to come from the Rainy-Day fund with an additional .60 starting January 2026. Joe made a second. All in favor. Gayle asked that the start date be May the 3rd which is a beginning of a pay period. Jamie amended the motion to make the start date May 3rd for the increase. Joe second. All in favor.
- Spring cleanup-May 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. Discussion was had about the pricing of the dumpsters.
- Executive meeting on May 5th @ 5:00pm prior to Regular scheduled meeting to discuss employe matters.

#2 OLD BUSINESS

#3 NEW BUSINESS

- a. Jerome Hall-Supp/Health no show
- b. John Kniola-Park news one member that has not been to a meeting in six months and that matter will be discussed at the Thursday meeting. March 18th started a Welcome sign for Markland Damn entrance.

- Ordered new netting for the ball park which is being paid through the donation fund and was \$4,500.00(fund is now zero). March 18th watched the new roofs on shelters being finished. March 27th worked with Paul to raise all three flags; the power company installed new brass balls. Toured concession tower and inspected building. March 26th received quote for sealing of parking lot. Zoning news spoke with Brandi about the inoperable vehicles and nothing being done in Vevay. Early in May will have an unsafe building code. Tech center has 11 instead of 12 vehicles.
- c. Ryan Secord-Henriott-introduced himself to new commissioners and discussed things that will be done and have been done. The overall savings for the county.
 - d. Coroner office-moved about 7 weeks ago from SCER to Dr Findley's office. Ryan made a motion to make it public that they moved and Joe second. All in favor.
 - e. MOU/Grant for casino revenue-Mr. Kiser spoke and suggested it would be better to prepare documents for a grant. Discussion was had amongst the commissioners to get things moving in the right direction.
 - f. Ryan Everman-SCER fee ordinance. Jefferson Kiser suggested a special meeting to approve this. Special meeting on April 17th @3pm.

#4 Board Report:

Joe-no

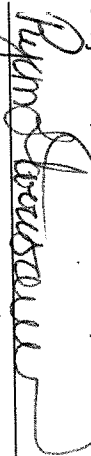
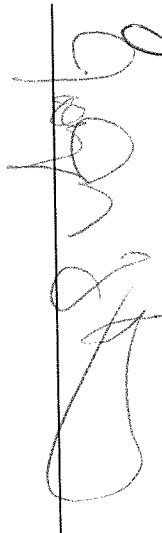
Jamie- no

Ryan-attended EMA meeting

With no further business to come before the board, Ryan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jamie. The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Attest:

Gayle Sullivan, Auditor
Switzerland County, Indiana

SPECIAL MEETING – THURSDAY AT 3:00 P.M.

The Switzerland County Board of Commissioners met in special session pursuant to law and by being duly advertised.

Those present – Commissioners: Joe Bennett and Jamie Peters, auditor: Gayle Sullivan County Attorney Jefferson Kiser.

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

#1 County Property and Liability Insurance

Greg Goodknight (Gardner Insurance) spoke about the insurance that the county currently has and the fact the company will not be renewing. Garder Insurance has gone to the market to find the county new insurance. The two insurance companies that are interested are Trident Program/Arch Ins and Bliss McKnight/Chubb program.


Trident Program ratings were discussed by Mike Schau. Discussion was had about what the company can offer the county and different benefits. Pricing was \$305,803.75.

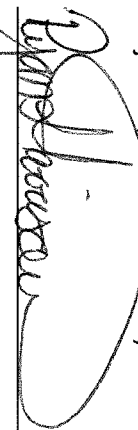

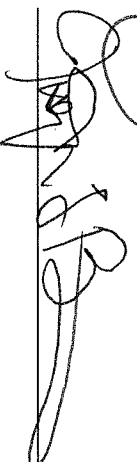
Bliss McKnight ratings were discussed by Conner Cox. Discussion was had about what the company can offer the county and different benefits. Pricing was \$442,543.75.

Further discussion was had about the difference in the two companies between the commissioners and the companies. Jamie made a motion to approve Trident for the county's insurance in the amount of \$318,390.00. Joe made a second. All in favor. The county's insurance last year was \$194,359.25 and will increase to the \$318,390.00 a difference of \$124,030.75.

With no further business to come before the board, Jamie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe. The meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

Attest:


Gayle Sullivan, Auditor
Switzerland County, Indiana

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

APRIL 21, 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' Bennett and Ryan Harrison Commissioner Jamie Peters was not present. Auditor: Gayle Sullivan Hwy Superintendent: Dust Hunt and Jefferson Kisor, County Attorney

Ryan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes from April 7, 2025 meeting. Ryan made a motion with Joe making a second. All in favor

The claims were approved as presented on a motion by Joe and seconded by Ryan. All in favor.

#1 Highway Superintendent – Dusty Hunt

- Crews have been cleaning ditches, culverts and crossings from recent flooding.
- We also have 3 slips from the heavy rain and flooding that I am getting quotes on
- HMA overlay projects have started for Peelman, Lewis, Elmo Rayls, O'Day and Brooks Roads, once these roads are done, they will move to Sweetwater, Seavers, McKay and Scotts Ridge Road.
- HMA overlay projects have also started on Goodner, Herman and Colen Road once these roads are done, they will start on Aaron Road.
- The pothole machine is out patching potholes crews are also using cold patch to patch the smaller potholes
- Truck # 18-still waiting on truck to be repaired
- Will Creek subdivision was contacted by owner of subdivision about county taking over the roads. Discussion was had about what needs to be done prior to that. Dusty will contact owner and it will be brought up at next meeting under old business.
- Apparent right of way-what needs to be done for the roads. Discussion was had with attorney.

#2 Old Business

#3 New Business

a. Jon Bond – discussion was had about the dredging of Goose Creek boat ramp that the county owns. State gave \$100,000.00 and will hopefully get another \$100,000.00 next year and that will clean things up. Ryan made a motion to approve the application and Joe second. All in favor. Jon spoke about what he does and how things are handled. He would like to come in over a series of meetings. Discussion was had between the commissioners and Jon. Jon did say that he has never had another contract be asked what their wages were in a public meeting but he did say his was \$73,000.00

b. Patty Jackson – SJRPC second bid opening. Jackson Construction -**6916 Pleasant Ridge Rd**-\$9,766.00, Stehlin Construction-\$15,550.00 Ryan made a motion to approve Jackson Construction and Joe second. All in favor. **5804 Neil Lee Road**-Jackson Construction \$10,900.00, Stehlin construction-\$9,280.00. Ryan made a motion to approve Stehlin Construction. Joe made a second. All in favor. **407 Woodfill Ave**-Jackson Construction-\$12,200.00, Stehlin construction-

\$11,000.00. Ryan made a motion to approve Jackson Construction and Joe second. All in favor. **5454 Fishing Worm Road**-Jackson Construction-\$14,900.00, Stehlin Construction-\$17,960.00. Ryan made a motion to approve Jackson Construction with Joe second. All in favor. **505 W Main Street**-Jackson construction \$7,350.00, Stehlin Construction-\$7,200.00. Ryan made a motion to approve Stehlin construction and Joe second. All in favor. **7639 SR 56**-Jackson Construction \$16,900.00, Stehlin construction \$8,800.00. Ryan made a motion to approve Stehlin Construction and Joe second. All in favor. Patty spoke about the comprehensive counts on the roads. Patty said that Dusty to reach out to SIRCPC and get a study done.

c. Lifetime Resources-Erin Thomas spoke about the company and different things they will provide for people within the county. She talked about Catch a Ride and the resolution that needs to be signed by the commissioner. Ryan made a motion to approve Lifetime Resources the primary transportation for Switzerland county. Joe second. All in favor.

d. John Kniola-held regular schedule meeting on April 10th. They sent a letter to one of the board members discharging from her services because she had only been to two meetings. They have a new candidate in mind and sent to council. Got a letter from the Army Core of Engineers and will have their annual inspection on May 8th, John will be there at 9am to meet them. Secretary sent a not to YPAC about the new concession. April 8th toured Vevay and easily found 88 inoperable vehicles and submitted a complaint to Town Hall. Early May they will have an unsafe building code meeting and discuss 8 properties on the list.

e. SCER-ordinance/ambulance fees-Ordinance #2025-4-21-1 was read and voted on. Ryan made a motion to approve the new ordinance and Joe second. All in favor. The POA regarding the DEA Order form. Ryan made a motion to approve Ryan Everman to act as POA for the county. Joe second. All in favor.

f. Grant procedure-discussion was had amongst the commissioners and the county attorney. Ryan made a motion to approve Ordinance #2025-4-21-3 and Joe second. All in favor.


g. Flooding cleanup-6 dumpsters were ordered and set up in effective areas. Ryan had spoke to Tom Moore, EMA director, about different campsites. Swiss Landing and Willow Haven has full-time residents living there. Discussion was had about what the county will get reimbursed. The highway has already turned in \$420,000.00 and EMA has turned in \$8,000.00 as well. Tom thanked Gallatin County for the sandy and helping out the county. Ryan made a motion to approve 3 more dumpsters. Willow Haven, Eagle Cove and Lower Land development. Joe second. All in favor. Ryan made a motion to approve 6 dumpsters for spring cleanup on May 2,3, and 4. Joe second. All in favor.

#4 Board Reports

None given

With no further business to come before the board, Ryan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Attest:


Gayle Sullivan, Auditor
Switzerland County, Indiana

