

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY CEMETERY COMMISSION**

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RE: Year End Report for 2008

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please notice the enclosed minutes from the Switzerland County Commissioners' meeting of February 19, 2008, appointing a five (5) member Cemetery Commission. Please also notice the one (1) page, year end report submitted to the Switzerland County Commissioners on December 15, 2008. If you require anything else of the Commission, at this point, please advise.

Yours truly,



Carolyn J. Miller  
Member, Switzerland County  
Cemetery Commission

**Switzerland County Cemetery Commission  
Report for 2008**

Commission Members:  
Carolyn Miller  
Darrell Brown  
Nancy Barker  
Dorothy Burley  
Scott Gregory

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*Rachel A. Bladen*  
SWITZ CO. AUDITOR

We have found **much interest** in cemetery discovery and preservation from local citizens. We have had locals come in to report burial spots, and we have had locals volunteer to help with everything from filing papers with the State to going on-site to help with restoration.

The Commission has:

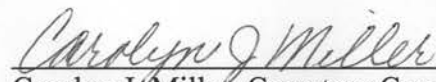
1. Completed on-site inspections of 28 Cemeteries
2. Found 5 Cemeteries in danger of obliteration  
Dufour, Reed, Gullion, Hunts Creek, Ogle
3. Prevented 1 Cemetery from accidental destruction (Reed Cemetery, Craig Twp)
4. Sent 1 letter to the surrounding land owner to request they remove their horses from a cemetery, with promise of work on the cemetery in the spring/summer of 2009 (Hunts Creek Cemetery)
5. Filed reports with the Indiana DNR Historical Division on 2 Cemeteries not currently listed (this may entitle us to some grants in the future) (many more reports yet to be filed)
6. Darrell Brown has confirmed 14 Revolutionary War Soldiers buried in the county (this helps to qualify us for grants), and Darrell is still working on this project
7. Ordered Books to help with research (Ellyn Kern's supplemental to The Cemeteries of Switz Co)

Instead of paying for a GPS device, for identifying location of cemeteries in State reports, was given one from the Sheriff's Office that they were not currently using

Goals for 2009

1. Attempt to get the 'old section' of Vevay Cemetery restored
2. Work on 100F Cemetery in Patriot to restore the old graves
3. Get Hunts Creek Cemetery repaired by mid-summer
4. Work to identify and fence off Waltz, Dufour, Gullion, Reed, & Ogle Cemeteries
5. Photograph & Send in reports on each of the Cemeteries with Revolutionary or 1812 Vets

Mowing taken out of cemetery fund - \$450.00 - Commission spent a total of \$62.91 for research books  
Total remaining in this fund a/o this date: \$813.00

  
Carolyn J. Miller, Cemetery Comm Member

**REGULAR MEETING – 8:30 A.M.**

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

Members present: K.C. Banta, Brian Morton, and Craig Bond. Also present was the auditor, Rachel Bladen, the county attorney, Greg Coy, the chief deputy, Roy Leap, and the commissioner assistant, Bruce Williams.

The meeting was opened by Roy Leap who also led the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the previous meeting of 02-04-08 and the claims were approved as presented on a motion by Craig, seconded by Brian and all agreed.

**#1 CAROLYN MILLER – CEMETERY BOARD**

Carolyn requested that Nancy Barker, Darrell Brown, Dorothy Burley, Scott Gregory, and Carolyn be appointed to the cemetery board.

Her goal is to identify and locate all the historical cemeteries. She also requested that the purchase of a GPS device be approved for this endeavor.

Craig made a motion to approve the appointments of the board and the purchase of a GPS device, seconded by Brian and all agreed.

**#2 MARTHA BLADEN – CEMENT PLANT**

Martha was the spokes person for a large group of county residents who opposed the rezoning of Billy Leap's property to accommodate the cement plant. (Her statement is attached.) She also presented to the commissioners a petition of over 100 signatures of citizens that were also opposed to the rezoning.

The cement plant attorney, Mr. Jack Gay, was also present and he spoke about the following issues: archeological, water shed, and pollution. He gave an example of a plant near Columbus, Indiana that is near the White River and IDEM considers this plant to be a clean operation. Atty. Gay also stated that the state highway department would require lane passing changes to the plant entrance and that Billy Leap would need to change the location of a driveway. Air permits would also be required.


K.C. added that he also had spoken with the authorities at IDEM.

Craig said that he had been in contact with Mark Brunner of the state highway department and that Mr. Brunner told him that there is existing space on SR156 at this location to make the necessary lane improvements. Craig stated that the concrete plant would be responsible for any lane improvements.

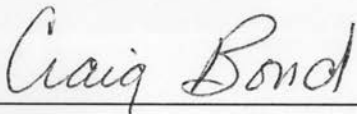
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9. Rich Lay advised the commissioners that address change letters have been mailed and passed out copies of a letter as an example.
10. The dog ordinance was signed by the commissioners and the auditor. (Copy attached.) Brian wanted to add to the ordinance that hunting dogs be excluded.
11. The commissioners discussed with Edd Cook about purchasing cinders and Edd updated them on any equipment repairs that are needed.
12. A motion to pay a \$75.00 fee, each, for Joan Armstrong, Janice Ramsey, and Carolyn Miller to attend a WTH seminar was made by Craig, seconded by Brian and all agreed. This to be paid out of Infrastructure.

With no further business to come before the board, Craig made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Brian and all agreed.

  
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Attest:   
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Rachel A. Bladen, Auditor  
Switzerland County, Indiana