BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NOVEMBER 15, 2021

*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: Jerry Monjar, Jamie Peters, and Grant Dean, the county administrator, Susie Swank, and the county auditor, Yvette Emmich.

Jerry opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the regular meeting of November 1st and the special meeting of October 29th were approved as presented on a motion by Jamie, seconded by Grant and the motion passed.

The claims were approved as presented on a motion by Jamie, seconded by Grant and the motion carried.

***#1 Andrea Kappes – Tourism Holiday Decorations***

Andrea was unable to attend the meeting do to a last minute issue, so Susie gave the necessary information. Jamie made a motion to approve the $2,000.00 request for Christmas decorations at the courthouse with contributions also made by tourism and the Community Foundation of Switzerland County, seconded by Grant and the motion carried. The decorations are to be put up after Thanksgiving.

***#2 Dr. Robert Findley – County Health Board Appointments***

Dr. Findley came on behalf of our County Health Department to appoint 2 board members. Grant made a motion to reappoint Dr. Findley and Edsel Detraz, seconded by Jamie and the motion passed.

***#3 Old Business***

1. *Board Appointments:*

**Alcohol & Beverage Commission:** 1 appointment for a 1-year term. Floyd Knaus attended and spoke of his experiences being on the board. Robert Teeter was also in attendance and wanted to be considered for the appointment as well. Appointments were tabled at this time.

**School Endowment Board:** 1 appointment. Clay Meyer attended and spoke as to his interest for re-appointment, he has been on the board for the past 8 months and would like to see through with the projects he has been working on. Also, Christopher Pettant attend and asked to be considered for the appointment. He is new to the area. These were tabled at this time.

**Tourism Board:** 4 appointments for a 2-year term. Jon Bond, Kelly Hopper, Andrea Kappes, and Robert Teeter applied for the 4 positions. Grant made a motion to approve all 4 applicants, seconded by Jamie and the motion passed.

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***Old Business cont’d***

1. *Snow Removal Bids:*

There was 1 bid from CCW Energy Services, Brendan Bates and Ethan Cunningham owners were the only bidders. This was tabled at this time.

***#4 Anthony Thomas - Highway Department***

Anthony informed the commissioners that there was $9,405.20 that the highway department has taken in from the sale of scrap metal to Scheider’s Metal. He would like to purchase winter clothing for his employees with these funds. Grant made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Jamie and the motion passed. This is not intended to be an-every year purchase.

***#5 New Business***

1. *Authorization for the execution of INDOT agreements:* Carla Armstrong, highway clerk, prepared an ordinance for the authorization of a Board of Commissioners member to sign/authorize time sensitive INDOT agreements. Jamie made a motion to appoint Grant to be the authorized person on behalf of the commissioners, seconded by Jerry and the motion passed. This is the first reading of this ordinance; it will need to be read/presented 2 more times before final approval.
2. *Yvette:* 2022 Holidays, pay dates, and Commissioner meeting dates. Jamie made a motion to approve all of the days and times presented, seconded by Grant and the motion carried.
3. *Next Commissioners meeting:* The next commissioners’ meeting will once again be held at the courthouse.
4. *Audience member concerning Plum Creek Road:* An audience member spoke up about Plum Creek Road and the issue of junk and cars. The offending home owner was give a 30-day notice to correct the issue that will be end on or about November 27th. The possible next step would be to contact Sheriff Brian Morton for removal of the junk and or fines. He also asked about updates to the bridge down by Cogley Cole Road where the county put in a new culvert. Can gravel be added to the area?

Resident Jan Rayles inquired about putting up “Do Not Litter” signs on the Vevay Hill (SR56). He had a picture of one and wondered if there is funding or if can even be done since this road is a state highway. Some one will check into this.

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With no further business to come before the board, Jamie made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Grant and the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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H. Yvette Emmich, Auditor

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