

REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY AT 5:00 P.M.

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

Those present: council members: Tom Conroy, Steve Crabtree, Jeff Darling, Terry Hall, Mike Jones, Rachel Schuler, and Glenn Scott, the sheriff, Roy Leap, the council attorney, Cody Kendall, and the deputy auditor, Connie Christman. The auditor, Gayle Rayles, was absent.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting of April 10th were approved as presented on a motion by Jeff, seconded by Tom and all agreed.

#1 Salary Ordinance Amendment

The following Salary Ordinance Amendment was approved on a motion by Terry, seconded by Glenn and all agreed.

AMENDMENT

An amendment to the ordinance of the County Council of Switzerland County, Indiana, fixing the salaries of all officers, deputies, assistants, and employees, and fixing the number of deputies, assistants, and other employees for each office or department for the calendar year 2013, for Switzerland County, Indiana:

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Switzerland County, Indiana, that for the calendar year 2013, the salaries of the sheriff's merit deputies, jail commander, jail matron and communications/E911 Director are to be amended as follows:

There will be an incentive pay amount of no more than \$4000.00 for the year paid semi-annually in installments not to exceed \$2000.00 for each sheriff's deputy, jail employee, and communications/E911 employees based on performance. The incentives are to be paid no more than twice a year in May and November.

FURTHER, there will be an incentive pay amount of no more than \$2000.00 for the year for each of the sheriff's jail employees and communications/E911 employees. The incentives are to be paid annually in November based on performance.

FURTHER, there will be an incentive pay amount of no more than \$500.00 for the year for each sheriff's part-time employees. The incentives are to be paid annually in November based on performance

REGULAR MEETING – PAGE 2**#2 Funding for Chip & Seal and Annex Heating/AC Controls**

Commissioners Steve Lyons and Mark Lohide came to ask the council for funding to chip and seal the county roads this year instead of using blacktop. Mike asked what the cost difference would be per mile between chip and seal and blacktop. Steve thought the amount would be between \$12,000.00 and \$14,000.00 per mile. Blacktop cost about \$60,000.00 per mile in 2012.

The state has agreed to give the highway departments more money in 2014 and 2015; \$289,000 more.

Jeff asked if the commissioners bought new equipment to do the chip and seal work with. Steve said they purchased a used distributor, a chipper and brush.

Rachel asked when they want to start; Steve said as soon as the weather breaks. She would like to see a plan of what really needs to be done versus just doing all of the roads.

Mike said this could be decided at the special meeting for considering the riverboat revenue requests. This would be before the June regular meeting. Mike and the council told the commissioners to come to the special meeting with some numbers.

Mark asked the council to fund the purchase of the software program to control the heating and air conditioning system at the annex building on Seminary Street. The cost is \$22,946.00; originally the cost was \$40,000.00. The program would be purchased from Innovative Energy Solutions which currently has the maintenance contract for the other county buildings. This purchase would be after June 24, 2013 when the current warranty runs out.

Rachel asked if this cost could come out of the Cum Cap Fund. The consent of the council is to go ahead with the purchase of the software and to pay for it from Cum Cap funds if they are available.

#3 Jon Bond – Legislature

Jon asked about having Jewell DeBonis come down and go over what happened at the legislature. A date will be set later.

He said that in reference to Bill 528; most of the items that would hurt the county were taken out before passage. There were a couple of things: development agreement reporting was affected. Starting next year the county is going to have to report all of their development agreement expenditures online through the Indiana Transparency Portal. The most harmful thing to the County was done in HB 1001, the State Budget, in the last hours of the session. They put a statewide cap on the held harmless distributions. It is a \$48,000,000.00 cap statewide, on the supplemental admissions tax distributions, (the held harmless money).

REGULAR MEETING - PAGE 3

#4 Thank you

Ginger Furnish, from the Purdue Extension Office, came to thank the council for their support of the summer assistant program; the state will be matching the summer assistant program funds so the extension office does not need the council's financial assistance this year.

#5 Special Meeting Date

The council set the special meeting date for May 22nd, Wednesday, at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the riverboat revenue requests.

With no further business to come before the council, Tom made the motion to adjourn seconded by Jeff and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Attest: _____
Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor
Switzerland County, Indiana