

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: Tom Conroy, Steve Crabtree, Jeff Darling, Terry Hall, Mike Jones, Rachel Schuler, and Glenn Scott, the council attorney, Cody Kendall, the sheriff, Roy Leap, and the auditor, Gayle Rayles.

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

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 11th and the special meeting of October 2nd were approved as presented on a motion by Tom, seconded by Jeff and all agreed.

#1 Tanya Krall – Swiss Alps Printing

Tanya came back with the pricing for some of the office supplies; she had a copy for each council member. She compared her prices to The Office Shop and Staples. The billing was discussed if they decide to go strictly with Swiss Alps. She made the comment that she lives here and every council member lives here and all of them at one time have come to her store for a donation; school, fire departments, etc, - if the business is not kept locally then she doesn't know if she can support their other causes.

#2 Jayne Guidry – The Office Shop

Jayne came to talk about the office supplies and asked for a copy of the list that Tanya had for office supplies. She said that you have to have a special log-in to their website in order to see the true pricing. The county is currently set up on all of the sell flyers and best pricing plans. Mike asked if the Office Shop had some of the county's office machines – yes and the contracts to go with them, if applicable.

Jayne asked if anyone had questions for her. She said the Office Shop has made donations to county causes.

#3 Randy See – EMS – Vehicle Engine

Randy came back again to ask council to help pay for the engine repair for one of their ambulances. The cost to repair it was \$8,000.00 – it is back on the road. They are going to have to borrow money to pay for the repairs they have no money to put toward this expense.

Steve said he thought council should be able to help them out. Their run volume has increased from last year. Tom asked Randy again if they had any money to put toward this expense – he said the only place would be from employee benefits. Mike asked Randy what the employee turn-over rate is. He said they have a good record for keeping employees for a high burnout job. The majority of the employees live in the county. There are 8 or 9 paramedics.

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Steve made a motion to pay the \$8,000.00, seconded by Rachel. Terry asked what the total amount of money is that the county gives to EMS. Mike said there is the contract with the county for \$42,500.00 plus a percentage of the casino revenue; Randy said they have received \$415,000.00 from the casino revenue – this doesn't include the contract amount. Out of one of the bond issues the county paid for the house/building behind the EMS building. Randy said they generate more than half of their income from their billing. The monies that the EMS receives from the contract and the casino revenue goes solely for payroll and still does not cover all of the cost. The price of a new ambulance is approximately \$160,000.00 or \$170,000.00. The chassis costs about \$40,000.00 which they hope to remount one after the first of the year and will be back to ask for help with the cost.

Glenn asked where Randy saw the future of the EMS to be in a year and a half or 2 years from now. Will they be back in the same place as now?

Mike asked Randy what the average runs per day is and it is approximately 5 per day and they average 80 miles per run. Terry said not to forget the time that the unit has to set and idle.

They collect about 30% of the dollars that they bill. That number does not include collections. This amounts to approximately \$450,000.00 per year. Their budget is right at \$900,000.00 per year. Their payroll and employee benefits are right at \$625,000.00 to \$630,000.00.

Jeff said the riverboat revenue cap has not been met for the last 2 months. Rising Sun's casino has had it's 2nd worst month this last month in their history of operation – May was the worst.

After much discussion Steve's motion did not pass as the vote was 3 ayes, 3 nays, and Glenn abstained. Rachel made a motion to give them \$4,000.00 seconded by Terry and all agreed with Glenn abstaining.

#4 Sheriff Roy Leap – Prisoner Medical

Roy came to request funds for their prisoner medical costs. Some of these costs are passed on to other counties for their prisoners when prisoner housing costs are billed by the sheriff's office. They just received a bill for a little over \$5,000.00 that was back from 2011 – the company tried to bill the individual to no avail. They will eventually get the money back from Ohio County but they take it out of their budget and when it gets reimbursed it does not go back into that line item in his budget it just goes into the COIT fund. He wants to be able to put this money back into his budget periodically or he will need to come to the council for more money later maybe.

Council decided, by consensus, to just have the sheriff's office mark the funds and then they can be tracked and put back where they need to go. Rachel asked if this could happen retroactively – yes it could for 2013.

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#5 Notice of Termination – Annex Building

This is from IDEM and they just need a signature to prove that the project is completed. This is associated with storm water run-off.

#6 2014 Approval of the 2014 Budget

There was some discussion about casino revenue and the budget. Mike wants Cody and Frank Cummings to get together and discuss the budget for 2014 and a question regarding the 2013 budget.

Glenn made a motion to approve the 2014 budget, seconded by Tom and the motion carried with Terry voting “no”.

#7 Glenn Scott – Riverboat Revenue Percentages

Glenn asked the other council members if they would be willing to look at the riverboat revenue percentages next month. Mike said it needs to be done by the end of 2013. It was decided to talk about this also at the special meeting for health insurance to be held on November 6th.

With no further business to come before council, Jeff made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Steve and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Attest: _____
Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor
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