

SPECIAL MEETING - WEDNESDAY AT 5:00 P.M.

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

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

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

Casino Revenue Percentages

Mike opened the meeting by saying that after the riverboat license was received council was charged with a lot of work to do. They sought public input, which they did through the newspaper, as to what the community thought the priorities should be for the revenue. They had a committee that met and collected the information and came back and made their recommendations to council from which the distribution plan evolved. Now 14 years later, Mike would like to suggest taking a look at the whole process and see what the needs are in the county. Then everything would be on the table and council then could consider authorizing a committee to make recommendations or council could give consideration to it as a whole. He suggested seeking public input through the newspaper, maybe through the county website, and then let the public have a say.

He thought maybe this procedure could be completed by October 1, 2014 or sooner.

He suggested including the commissioners in this procedure also.

Tom said council held open meetings in the theater in the beginning to get some public input. Some of the entities were on there just to enable the county to acquire the gaming license.

Terry agreed with Mike's train of thought, he just thought it just should have been done a lot sooner (2005).

Steve said that when they had the committee together in the beginning they set priorities and then let the people go online and voice their opinions of the choices.

Mike asked if council wanted to appoint a committee or just have the whole council do it. He said if they put together a committee, there could be no more than 3 council members on it but also consider having a commissioner on there as well.

Tom made a motion to approve Mike's suggestion about having a committee or the council gather information to decide on the revenue percentages. Mike asked if they wanted to do it by committee. Mike suggested 3 council members and a commissioner. Rachel suggested including someone from the Town of Vevay and the Town of Patriot. Jeff seconded the motion.

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Mike said he would sit on the committee. Jeff said that council is looking at doing a survey, put something on the county website, and in the local newspaper and doing so for 2 to 4 weeks. Then bring all of the information back for the committee to study and then inform council of their findings. The motion passed with a vote of 6 to 1.

The committee will be appointed at the next regular meeting on August 13th.

Gayle asked what she is to do about the July distributions she is still holding except for the county's part and EMS; which have already been distributed. Terry made a motion to freeze things until the committee comes up with a suggestion. The motion died for the lack of a second. The amount she has to distribute is approximately \$350,000.00. These are this year's distributions.

The council gave their consent to go ahead and make the distributions.

The budget books are here for council to take and review. Just bring them back to the next budget meeting.

Expense Update from the County Board of Commissioners

The commissioners came to give an update on the roads and courthouse repairs.

The roof is lose all around the courthouse, the old section. They have sent out 4 bids and Herschel Brichto was the only one who responded. His bid was for \$9,025.00 so they accepted Herschel's bid. This will be paid from Cum Cap funds.

The annex has a leak in the a/c system. Innovative Energy gave a quote of approximately \$9,000.00 to repair it and if they have to put in a new coil it will be approximately \$18,000.00. They are going to get a second opinion concerning the solution; possibly contact Carrier directly.

Steve had Gayle give the council a list of the costs of fixing the road problems on Markland Pike: Parham Excavating was \$60,000.00 plus, Angle Lieland was \$19,000.00 plus. One change order has already been written for the section that Angle Lieland is to fix for a total cost of approximately \$30,000.00. There will be soil boring charges and engineering fees on top of the above named costs. The commissioners have approved to have borings done on Adkinson Hill Road also.

There still may be financial help coming from the Soil and Water Conservation District.

Steve told the commissioners that the YMCA contract is due for renewal again. Eric Cole, of the YMCA, is asking for \$15,000.00 for 2014-2015. There are 68 individuals that have used the YMCA in the last 12 months. The \$15,000.00 is \$5,000.00 more than the 2013-2014 contract. The commissioners are wanting to use the Infrastructure money just

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for its intended purpose not all of the miscellaneous stuff that has been coming out of it.

Commissioner Mark Lohide reminded them that soon salt/cinders would have to be purchased for winter. John Day, interim highway superintendent, told Mark that truck #10 broke down today which means another unexpected expense.

EMS has also contacted the commissioners about increasing the cost of the contract with the county. Basically the commissioners and council need to agree on the contract price.

Steve said Dr. Frede informed him that the Community Mental Health Center is looking to possibly hire a nurse practitioner which would be competition to the current county nurse managed clinic; unless their nurse practitioner could only see Community Mental Health patients.

Commissioner Josh South said he might be interested in being on the committee for the casino revenue percentages.

With no further business to come before council, Tom made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Jeff and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

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