

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: Mike Bear, Steve Crabtree, Terry Hall, Elizabeth Jones, Rachel Schuler, Glenn Scott, and John Gary Welch, and the auditor, Gayle Rayles. Attorney Cody Kendall was absent.

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

The minutes of the previous regular meeting of September 9th, and the joint meeting of September 9th were approved as present on a motion by Rachel, seconded by John and all agreed. The minutes of the special meeting of September 29th were tabled due to a correction.

#1 Allen Beneker & Jane Yorn – Safe Passage – Budget request

Jane Yorn, the executive director of Safe Passage, thanked the council for the allocations for the last 3 years when they gave them \$7,073.00 annually. This amount is based on the number of clients. The average stay for each client is 32 days. The cost for taking care of a client is about \$100.00 per day. She also turned in a quarterly report to the council members. They help families/individuals out of abusive relationships.

They launched a program at Jeff-Craig Elementary and Switzerland County Elementary and have an office here in Vevay. Safe Passage hopes the council will once again help finance their programs.

This will be discussed when the other commitments are addressed in January 2016. They are at least asking for \$7,073.00 for the victim services but if additional funds are available they could also use \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00 for the school programming. Ms. Yorn is to submit a request form.

#2 Vicky Hinman – Vevay Main Street – Town Beautification Project

Vicky gave council a handout informing them of what Vevay Main Street has been doing. They are also working with the Vevay Town Council, the Vevay Foundation, and have received other donations. They are trying to change/update the historical district of downtown Vevay and make it more homey/presentable so that local residents and out of town guests will want to shop. They would like to get different benches that are all alike, new trash cans, add ash cans, etc. So far she has gotten a commitment from tourism for \$2,800.00, they still have \$393.00 from the flowerpot program, a commitment from the Town of Vevay for \$3,160.00, \$500.00 from the Vevay-Switzerland County Foundation, about \$750.00 in other donations, and 3 of the benches have guaranteed sponsors. Rachel asked if Vicky had checked with Solid Waste on the cost of their benches; yes and the ones that Vicky had were cheaper with less maintenance.

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Vicky Hinman – Vevay Main Street – Town Beautification Project cont'd

They are asking for a donation from council for \$2,000.00; this is over and above the Vevay Main Street operating budget.

Mike asked about fixing the sidewalks. Vicky said she briefly talked to the Town and the only way they could afford to fix them is to try and get a grant for Streetscape.

She is to add this to the Vevay Main Street request as an additional project and this will be discussed in January 2016 with the rest of the commitments.

Vevay Main Street is also giving away 35 turkeys for the November First Friday. All people have to do is put an entry form in the box at the locally owned business he/she has done business with that evening. Everyone will have to be present to win at the drawing held that night at 7:30 p.m. The winners will get a certificate to pick the turkey up at Vevay IGA.

Also for the December First Friday they are giving away 3 8-foot pre-stuffed stockings. Same rules would apply as for the November First Friday give-away.

#3 Other Business

2016 Budgets: Elizabeth made a motion to accept the 2016 budget, seconded by Mike and all agreed. The general budge amount for 2016 is \$2,349,450.00.

2016 Salary Ordinance: Rachel made a motion to approve the salary ordinance, seconded by John, the motion carried with Mike and Terry voting "nay".

#4 Transfer Ordinances

The following transfer ordinances were approved on a motion by Terry, seconded by Elizabeth and all agreed.

TRANSFER ORDINANCE

Pursuant to Auditor’s Bulletin of July 1972, and also Public Law Number 54 of 1971, the County Council has the authority to transfer funds to different appropriations from one major classification to another within a department or office, at any regular public meeting.

COUNTY GENERAL FUND	AMOUNT
<i>CORONER</i>	
200 SUPPLIES	
4221 DISASTER BODY POUCHES	DECREASE \$201.40
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES	
4325 PERS PROT CLOTHING	DECREASE \$375.00
4320 LAB FEES	INCREASE \$576.40

Adopted this 14th day of October, 2015.

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COUNTY GENERAL FUND			AMOUNT
<i>CORONER</i>			
200	SUPPLIES		
	4221 DISASTER BODY POUCHES	DECREASE	\$150.00
300	OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
	4321 HOSPITAL FEES	INCREASE	\$150.00

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ADULT PROBATION USERS FEES FUND			AMOUNT
300	OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
	4383 LODGING & MEALS	DECREASE	\$400.00
400	CAPITAL OUTLAY		
	4411 OFFICE EQUIPMENT	INCREASE	\$400.00

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ADULT PROBATION USERS FEES FUND			AMOUNT
300	OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
	4385 COMPUTER TRAINING	DECREASE	\$270.00
400	CAPITAL OUTLAY		
	4411 OFFICE EQUIPMENT	INCREASE	\$270.00

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COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX FUND		AMOUNT
200 SUPPLIES		
4221 BEDDING & LINENS	INCREASE	\$4500.00
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
4345 UTILITIES	DECREASE	\$4500.00

Adopted this 14th day of October, 2015.

#5 Other Business

Steve had some information about things that were discussed at the AIC conference.

1. Road funding – the state is going to ask the counties to contribute funding. They are going to ask for \$500,000.00 from the counties and the state each.
2. County Council Association of Indiana is making a handbook for council members. The Association is paying for it.
3. Overtime for non-exempt personnel – For those employees who make less than \$50,400.00 and work more than 40 hours per week will have to be paid overtime at time and one-half plus paid comp-time at time and one-half. Elected officials are not in this group. This is per the Department of Labor.

Elizabeth asked about a Keystone payment coming up in November. There is not a payment due in November; there are no further payments due this year. Gayle said that April and October are the months the payments are due. Elizabeth was just wanting to pay an additional amount.

There followed a discussion about the money for the general fund; which is currently in the red. There will be settlement money, from the property taxes, in December but then none again until June.

Elizabeth wants to take \$200,000.00 from the rainy day fund to pay an additional payment on the Keystone loan. Steve said it would make him uneasy to do this in case there was some type of natural disaster in the county. Rachel said she would rather wait until next year to maybe pay more money and/or restructure the loan. Glenn said he would rather restructure the loan which is \$2,600,000.00.

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With no further business to come before council, Steve made the motion to adjourn, seconded by John Gary and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

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