

REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY 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, and John Gary Welch, and the auditor, Gayle Rayles. Councilman Glenn Scott, the sheriff, Nathan Hughes, and council attorney, Cody Kendall, were absent.

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

After some discussion concerning the changes needed to the minutes of the previous special meeting of September 29th a motion was made by Steve to approve the September 29th with the mentioned changes and October 14th minutes as presented, seconded by Terry and the motion carried.

#1 Board of Commissioners – Jail Heating and Air Conditioning

Commissioner Steve Lyons spoke on behalf of the commissioners. Nathan Hughes has approached them about the chiller at the jail needing replaced. There was also an issue mentioned by the previous sheriff about there being a couple of places in the building which are hard to get the temperature regulated. The replacement cost would be \$77,740.00 and then to also implement individual heating units in a couple of the problem areas it would cost \$39,810.00 for a total of \$117,550.00. The commissioners plan on sending the job out for quotes. Comfort Systems will help with the specs for quotes; they are the ones that have given the initial quote of \$117,550.00.

Since there is no maintenance line item in their budget they will need help with paying for the chiller and such. They don't consider this to be an item that could be taken out of their infrastructure money.

Mike asked when it would need to be done. Steve said the sooner the better. Comfort Systems is currently adding Freon on a regular basis at a cost of about \$1,200.00 per instance.

Part of the quoted cost is hooking the chiller up to the emergency generator.

Steve Crabtree made a motion to proceed with getting quotes for replacing the chiller and to fund the project. John Gary asked if they were going to get 2 more quotes; Steve said yes. Rachel asked if they would be able to have the information by the December meeting. Steve Lyons wasn't sure about this. Steve Crabtree's motion was seconded by Terry and all agreed.

Steve thanked the council on behalf of the commissioners and the sheriff.

REGULAR MEETING – PAGE 2**#2 Judge Coy – Budget**

Judge Coy is giving money from the Probation Administrative Fund to the General Fund. He is doing this to help offset the salary for the probation officer. Last year he moved \$25,000.00. The sum he is moving this year is \$15,000.00.

#3 Steve Jones-Ellard – Tourism Update

Mr. Jones-Ellard come to give the council an update and to hand out a copy of their strategic plan. He encouraged the council to read the plan as things happen around the county.

Steve asked about Vevay Main Street struggling financially. Tourism gives them space in the Tourism office to help them out.

He went over some of the key items in the plan. He also handed out some charts of data concerning surveys of the events that have gone on in the county. They are moving away from event based tourism to destination tourism.

Rachel asked if they currently have a director; no. Christy Morgan is the interim office manager. They plan on being back to the December 9th meeting to discuss their 2016 budget.

#4 Martha Bladen – Historical Society

Martha came to inform the council that the Historical Society is applying for a Destination Development Grant and they need a \$75,000.00 match for this grant but that is not the total cost of the project they would like to do. They have received \$53,000.00 from Tourism. She needs letters of support as well as she is asking, on behalf of the Historical Society, for \$10,000.00 for the match. Rachel asked when she needed an answer. They would not need the money until 2016 but they need the pledge now.

Pam Acton, from the Community Foundation, was present and explained to the new members about the Switzerland County Quality of Life Fund that the commissioners set up a long time ago. The grant issued from the Fund has to go back to the county. The grant amount this time is \$19,550.00. She suggested giving the Historical Society the \$10,000.00 from this grant at the first of 2016.

She also said that when Mrs. Danglede died she gave the county \$25,000.00 and the county created an endowment for the animal shelter in her and her husband's name. The same concept applies to this grant; it has to go back to the county. The amount this time for this grant is \$475.00 to be used by the animal shelter.

Randy Knott created a fund that also goes to the animal shelter. This grant is approximately \$725.00 this year.

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Martha Bladen – Historical Society cont'd

Pam also said the Women's Giving Circle decided at their last meeting to give the animal shelter \$100.00 to help with winter issues.

Teresa Lyons has an endowment with the Foundation and they are going to give to the Historical Society project as well.

Elizabeth made a motion to give \$10,000.00 to the Historical Society for their project, seconded by Steve and all agreed. This will come from the grant from the endowment.

Terry made a motion to roll the \$9,550.00 from the Community Foundation back into the endowment, seconded by Steve and all agreed.

#5 Additional Appropriation Ordinances

The following additional appropriation ordinance was approved on a motion by Terry, seconded by Elizabeth and all agreed.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget:

SEC. 1 BE IT ORDAINED by the County Council of Switzerland County, Indiana that for expenses of said municipal corporation, the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same:

COUNTY GENERAL FUND (1000)	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
<i>EXTENSION</i>		
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		
4123 SUMMER WORKSTUDY	\$ 2957.50	_____
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$ 2957.50	_____

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Additional Appropriation Ordinances cont'd

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COUNTY GENERAL FUND (1000)	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
<i>COMMISSIONERS</i>		
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
4311 POSTAGE	\$ 8000.00	_____
4324 ADVERTISING	\$ 2000.00	_____
4347 WORKMANS COMP	\$ 500.00	_____
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$10500.00	_____

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REASSESSMENT FUND (1224)	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
4325 COMPUTER TRAINING	\$10000.00	_____
TOTAL REASSESSMENT FUND	\$10000.00	_____

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Additional Appropriation Ordinances cont'd

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BELTERRA FUND (4900)	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		
4170 FRINGE	\$10000.00	_____
TOTAL BELTERRA FUND	\$10000.00	_____

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JSSCSCC FUND (4975)	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
4345 UTILITIES	\$ 500.00	_____
TOTAL JSSCSCC FUND	\$ 500.00	_____

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#6 Transfer Ordinances

The following transfer ordinances were approved on a motion by Steve, 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>CIRCUIT COURT</i>		
200	SUPPLIES	
	4212 REPAIR OF EQUIP	INCREASE \$292.50
300	OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES	
	4385 COMPUTER TRAINING	DECREASE \$230.00
400	CAPITAL OUTLAY	
	4411 OFFICE EQUIP	DECREASE \$ 62.50

Adopted this 10th day of November, 2015.

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COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND		AMOUNT
5000	MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	
	5371 RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT	INCREASE \$3500.00
	5243 CINDERS	DECREASE \$3500.00

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Transfer Ordinances cont'd

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

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COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND			AMOUNT
6000	GENERAL & UNDISTRIBUTED EXPENSES		
	6364 REPAIR PARTS	INCREASE	\$10000.00
	6221 GAS & OIL	DECREASE	\$10000.00

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COUNTY GENERAL FUND			AMOUNT
<i>EXTENSION OFFICE</i>			
200	SUPPLIES		
	4218 TEACHING	INCREASE	\$ 1200.00
300	OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
	4310 MILEAGE	DECREASE	\$ 1200.00

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#7 2016 Council Attorney

Gayle said this was just a reminder that it was mentioned about making a change when Cody was rehired at the beginning of this year but this needs to be discussed in an executive session. Rachel suggested having an executive session prior to the December 9th meeting at 4:00 p.m.; all council members were in agreement.

#8 Nepotism Forms

Gayle said this is an annual form required by the state. Everyone has a form to sign.

#9 SIRPC Board Appointment

Steve asked who the current appointee is; Jon Bond. Jon thinks it now has to be an actual council person. The board meets quarterly the first Wednesday of the month; January, April, July, and October during lunch in Osgood.

Gayle is to check and see if it actually has to be a council person on the board. This is tabled until the next meeting.

With no further business to come before council, Terry made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Steve and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

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