

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, Lisa Fisher, Andy Haskell, Elizabeth Jones, Rachel Schuler, Glenn Scott, and John Gary Welch, the sheriff, Nathan Hughes, and the auditor, Gayle Rayles.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting of June 14th were approved as presented on a motion by Mike, seconded by Andy and all agreed.

#1 Nancy Barker - AIC Gifts

Nancy presented a budget for the AIC gifts. The committee is asking for \$3,000.00, all of the items are from local vendors. The budget includes a contribution for specific items from Tourism, Economic Development, Vevay Town Council, Vevay-Switzerland County Foundation, and the County Recorder's office.

Anita Danner explained the importance of the AIC conference to the community. She said that she was sure Tourism would help in addition to their current commitment.

Elizabeth made a motion to contribute \$3,000.00, seconded by Rachel, the motion failed with a vote of 2 to 5, Elizabeth and Rachel being the 2 in favor. There was further discussion and Andy made a motion to match Tourism's contribution up to 1,500.00, seconded by Mike and all agreed.

#2 Other Business

Joint Initiative: Elizabeth discussed the Joint Initiative proposal that would include Economic Development, the Community Foundation, and the county. Each entity is being asked to commit \$25,000.00 a year for 10 years. The money is to be used to hire a person to explore and manage the education opportunities we can offer at the tech building. This person will also assist with economic development and will be responsible for some grant writing for the county.

After a long discussion, with Pam Acton and Josh South answering questions from the council, Lisa made a motion to participate in the Joint Initiative, seconded by Andy and the vote passed with a vote of 6 to 1 with Mike being the no vote.

2018 Budgets: There was a long discussion with questions regarding the 2018 budget. Gayle said the General Fund budget is over \$564,990.00. There were questions on funds for departments related to the expenses being greater than the projected income. Gayle explained how the state would work with a situation where the current levy would not cover the budget by increasing the department levy and most likely the General Fund levy would be reduced.

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Other Business cont'd

2018 Budgets cont'd: Due to the time, Gayle recommended there be an additional meeting called for just budget discussion. The council decided to meet on August 2nd at 3:00 p.m. which would allow them to speak to the department heads for budgets that require more detailed explanation. Council will forward to the auditor the departments they would like to meet with.

EERSD Grant: There was some discussion on who will receive the money from the state for the East Enterprise Regional Sewer District. Gayle said she felt the county would be the fiscal agent but will check with Susan Craig of SIRPC to be certain and then report back.

With no further business to come before the council, Mike made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Rachel and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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