

**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, Jeff Darling, Terry Hall, Mike Jones, Rachel Schuler, and Glenn Scott, the council attorney, Cody Kendal, the sheriff, Roy Leap, and the auditor, Gayle Rayles. Councilman Steve Crabtree was absent.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting of June 12<sup>th</sup> were approved as presented on a motion by Jeff, seconded by Tom and all agreed.

**#1 Randy See – EMS**

Randy came to request \$8,000.00 from council to fix the engine on one of their ambulances; it is a 1991 Ford with over 90,000 miles. Rachel asked about the number of ambulances they currently have. They have 6 ambulances with 2 broken down and they want to have 4 ready to go at all times because they sometimes have that many runs at one time. Even though they only paid about \$5,500.00 for it, it is valued at approximately \$100,000.00 (replacement cost).

The \$8,000.00 would be for a brand new engine with a factory warranty for 100,000 miles.

After much discussion, Tom made a motion to approve the \$8,000.00; Mike seconded the motion for the sake of discussion. Rachel asked where the money would come from. The motion died because of a tied vote. Terry said that if EMS had to get a loan to fix the engine that possibly council could help later but due to the financial situation nothing could be done now.

**#2 Other Business**

*Girls/Boys Golf Scramble:* This was approved at the last meeting.

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**#3 Additional Appropriation Ordinances**

The following additional appropriation ordinance was approved on a motion by Glenn, seconded by Terry 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:

<b>COUNTY GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>AMOUNT APPROVED</b>
<i>COMMISSIONERS</i>		
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
4312 TELEPHONE	\$ 438.74	_____
4348 LIABILITY PREMIUM	\$ 17437.00	_____
4365 HOOSIER HILLS	\$ 250.00	_____
4366 EE HEALTH INSURANCE	\$500000.00	_____
4367 SAFE PASSAGE	\$ 7073.50	_____
4371 LIFETIME RESURCES	\$ 15000.00	_____
4379 HEART HOUSE	\$ 5000.00	_____
<b>TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$545199.24</b>	_____

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<b>COUNTY GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>AMOUNT APPROVED</b>
<i>ANIMAL SHELTER</i>		
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
4324 PRINTING/ADVERTISING	\$ 1370.00	_____
<b>TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$ 1370.00</b>	_____

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

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<b>GUARDIAN AD LITEM FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>AMOUNT APPROVED</b>
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
4301 CASA GRANT	\$ 2780.00	_____
<b>TOTAL GUARDIAN AD LITEM FUND</b>	<b>\$ 2780.00</b>	_____

**#4 Transfer Ordinance**

The following transfer ordinance was approved on a motion by Terry, seconded by Tom 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.

<b>COUNTY GENERAL FUND</b>		<b>AMOUNT</b>
<i>VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER</i>		
200 SUPPLIES		
4211 OFFICE SUPPLIES	<b>INCREASE</b>	\$ 100.00
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
4310 MILEAGE	<b>DECREASE</b>	\$ 100.00

Adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013.

**#5 Commissioner Steve Lyons**

Steve informed council that he had attended the Florence Regional Sewer District board meeting the other night and they told him that they are not in favor of connecting with the East Enterprise Sewer District.

Mike said he had talked to Patty Yount, with Bernard & Lockmueller, and she wants to come down and discuss the situation. Glenn said he would like for Lonnie Harris, who does the Moorefield/Bennington Sewer District maintenance, in on that conversation. Glenn wanted to also attend the meeting.

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**Commissioner Steve Lyons cont'd**

After much discussion Gayle said barring any unforeseen situations the Moorefield/Bennington Sewer District is breaking even.

Then the conversation turned toward vehicles for the animal shelter. Keli Gabbard has applied for grant money and asked the commissioners for assistance – the grant application is for a truck and horse trailer.

There was an audience member who asked how many times the shelter had to pick up horses and Terry Hall, said he thought probably 10 times within a year.

**#6 Jon Bond – Annex Building Debt**

Glenn asked Jon how much money is still owed on the annex building and what the interest rate is. The principal balance is about \$2.7 million with a 3.1% interest rate. If you do an early payoff there is a penalty where if you take the whole 5 years to pay it off there is not.

Glenn asked Jon, “the county borrowed the money with the condition that if they pay it off early there could be a penalty?” Jon said yes.

Glenn asked why this type of loan. Jon said at the time the council did not want to use property tax money and nobody was buying bonds that were just gaming so they had to do a special financing where the builder actually financed it in order to guarantee not using property tax money. Keystone and Regions Bank are holding the loan. There is about 3 years left on the loan.

Jeff asked, beside the YMCA and the annex, what buildings the county is still paying on. The Markland Center is paid for. There is a Friendship State Bank bond issue that covered the EMS building, the Patriot boar ramp, etc. Gayle said there is a loan through EDC that is a refinancing of the money that was owed to MainSource Bank. Gayle said she would do some research as to everything that is actually owed by the county.

There was some discussion concerning the Florence Regional Sewer District and the Markland Industrial Park. Florence is telling Jon and the EDC that they cannot hook anyone else up to their sewer district.

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With no further business to come before council, Tom made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Jeff and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor  
Switzerland County, Indiana