

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, Steve Crabtree, Jeff Darling, Terry Hall, Mike Jones, Rachel Schuler, and Glenn Scott, the attorney, Cody Kendall, and the auditor, Gayle Rayles.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting of February 12th were approved as presented on a motion by Glenn, seconded by Steve and all agreed.

#1 Bob Slover - HeartHouse Thank You

Mr. Slover introduced himself as the Switzerland County representative for the Board of Directors for HeartHouse. He came to express their thanks to the council for their financial support.

#2 Aaron Bell - SIERD - Annual Report

Mr. Bell mentioned that Rachel is the county's representative on the SIERD board for which they are appreciative. He handed out the annual report and a brochure explaining their programs.

He did say that this past year, statewide solid waste districts put together, in conjunction with IDEM, a curriculum that can be taught at the schools. This curriculum meets the necessary requirements. This is a difficult area to address due to the limited time of the teachers.

Mr. Bell said that from 2012 to 2013 the total recycling in the 7 counties went up about 15% which is pretty substantial; from 5,000,000 pounds to almost 6,000,000 pounds. The school recycling volumes have gone up 20%; their funds go back to them as grant money.

The non-standard recyclables went up 23% which are tires, electronics, and etc. The 7 counties got rid of just short of 200,000 pounds of electronics.

The satellite locations of Moorefield and Patriot have just about doubled in quantity and the curb-side recyclables have increased about 20% also.

#3 Randy See - EMS

Randy brought a pie chart explaining the expenses of the EMS. He is asking for financial assistance - their expenses have exceeded their income. He said they have laid off 4 of their part-time employees; they are down to 2 people on a shift for 5 days a week. This lay-off was effective the first of March. If they can't find a solution they will have to lay off more employees. Payroll and benefits are their biggest expenses.

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Randy See - EMS contd.

He introduced Dennis Cole, president of the EMS board, Marylee Tolbert, vice-resident, and Lewis Fritter is the secretary-treasurer.

Mike asked Randy if the only difference in revenue was from the cut in casino revenue. Last year they were \$50,000.00 short before the cut. Steve asked what they receive from Medicare; from all of their billing in 2013 they received \$450,000.00. Medicare alone was \$229,000.00.

Terry asked Randy, as director, how many runs he went on a month. He did not know for sure, but probably 100 to 150 per year. He said that this is not in his job description; he just does them when necessary.

Payroll runs about \$15,000.00 every 2 weeks not counting payroll taxes, workman’s comp, etc. They will have to borrow money to make the next payroll.

Terry made a comment about replacing the management of EMS and the board; especially if they can’t work with the current budget.

After much discussion, it was decided to revisit the subject at the joint meeting with the commissioners which is scheduled for March 17th.

#4 Joint Meeting Dates

The following joint meeting dates were approved at a previous meeting and signed by all present.

JOINT MEETING DATES

MARCH 17	MONDAY
JUNE 16	MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 15	MONDAY
DECEMBER 15	MONDAY

All joint meetings will start immediately following the regularly scheduled meetings on the above dates. To be held in the meting room on the lower level of the courthouse.

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#5 Ordinance with WTH for Information Sharing

Gayle explained this was an ordinance to share GIS information for a fee (\$750.00) with those who would request it. The county would receive \$250.00 of the \$750.00. The commissioners approved it previously and now council needs to approve it. Steve made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Jeff, and all agreed.

#6 Additional Appropriation Ordinances

The following additional appropriation ordinance was approved on a motion by Tom, seconded by Steve and the motion carried.

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		AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
<i>COMMISSIONERS</i>			
100	PERSONAL SERVICES		
	4115 SOCIAL SECURITY	\$121,200.00	_____
	4120 FRINGE BENEFITS	\$ 50,000.00	_____
300	OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
	4360 BURIAL OF VETERANS	\$ 7,000.00	_____
	4366 EMPLOYEE HEALTH INS	\$250,000.00	_____
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND		\$428,200.00	_____

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COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX FUND		AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
100	PERSONAL SERVICES		
	4121 SHERIFF'S DEPT OT	\$ 20,000.00	_____
TOTAL COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX FUND		\$ 20,000.00	_____

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Additional Appropriation Ordinances cont'd

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

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LOCAL HEALTH MAINTENANCE FUND	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
200 SUPPLIES		
4215 VACCINES/SUPPLIES	\$ 6,979.40	_____
TOTAL LOCAL HEALTH MAINTENANCE FUND	\$ 6,979.40	_____

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

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BELTERRA FUND	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		
4121 PROCESS SERVER	\$ 27,159.00	_____
4171 OASI	\$ 23,500.00	_____
TOTAL BELTERRA FUND	\$ 50,659.00	_____

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#7 Transfer Ordinance

The following transfer ordinance was approved on a motion by Glenn, 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.

GUARDIAN AD LITEM FUND			AMOUNT
100	PERSONAL SERVICES		
	4171 OASI	INCREASE	\$1100.00
300	OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
	4301 CASA GRANT	DECREASE	\$1100.00

#8 Other Business:

Residency Issue: Cody said that council had asked him at the February meeting to look into a residency issue of a commissioner. Basically the statute says that any member that does not remain a resident of the county and district after taking office forfeits the office. The county fiscal body shall declare the office vacant whenever a member forfeits under the subsection.

In the election code there are certain criteria that have to be met to be considered a county resident.

Cody asked that council would allow him to go on a fact-finding mission and gather documents to determine whether or not to proceed with any type of hearing. They gave him their permission to go on a fact-finding mission with a motion by Terry, seconded by Glenn and all agreed.

Telephone Bill: Rachel asked about where we are on the telephone bill - still working on it.

SIRPC: Rachel asked about whether or not SIRPC is coming and they are to be at the joint meeting on Monday.

East Enterprise Regional Sewer District: Jeff asked if the East Enterprise Regional Sewer District is coming to a meeting for funding. They are to come to the joint meeting if possible.

Highway Dept.: Terry wanted to thank the highway employees for their work performance during all of the bad weather this winter.

Council Casino Revenue Balance: Glenn wanted to know if \$1,170,835.00, which is the negative balance for council could be taken from savings. Glenn made a motion to move \$1.35 million from the savings to the county council fund, seconded by Jeff and the motion carried with Terry voting “no”.

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With no further business to come before council, Steve made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jeff and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Attest: _____

Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor
Switzerland County, Indiana