

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 chief deputy, Richard Lock, and the auditor, Gayle Rayles. Councilman Steve Crabtree and council attorney, Cody Kendall were absent.

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

The minutes of the previous meetings of July 9th, August 13th, and August 28th were approved as presented on a motion by Tom, seconded by Jeff and all agreed.

#1 Larry Tolbert & Sheri Works - Tourism Budget

Sheri spoke about tourism revamping their budget in order for them to be more fiscally responsible. She gave each councilmember a handout explaining the changes. They are not changing their fiscal year just their way of budgeting.

#2 Katie Collier - Indian Creek Watershed Project Update

Katie came to give council an update on the Indian Creek Watershed Project. They are a little over a year into the project and they have 24 people who have signed up. Fourteen of those people are new to the project. They have paid 15 people a total of \$58,061.44 which is about 29% of the \$202,000.00 of cost share for this project.

Katie noted that SWCD helped the commissioners and the county highway department obtain funding for the repair of 2 of the road slides, up to 75% of the cost.

#3 Debbie & George Vann - East Enterprise Sewer District

George Vann came to request operating funds and some funds for repairs. They are currently inspecting the manholes and then in 3 to 4 weeks they will walk the entire project to make sure things are fixed correctly. They are also checking to see if some of the commercial properties are actually being billed as residential. They have had REMC down checking the electric usage. They have found that there are meters that they are paying \$25.00 per month on but no electric is going through them.

They are asking for \$30,000.00; \$15,000.00 to get through the end of the year and the other \$15,000.00 for needed repairs.

After much discussion council decided to grant the sewer district \$15,000.00 on a motion by Rachel, seconded by Jeff and all agreed. The money is to come out of council's casino funds.

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#4 Vickie Hinman - School Project

Vickie came to council to inform them of a project/program that she is working on involving elementary school children. It is a program that helps children make friends; a "buddy bench". It is when a child does not have anyone to play with they go and sit on the "buddy bench" so that another child can come up and ask them to play. If a child sits there very long then an adult can intervene in some way.

She is looking at placing 4 benches; 2 at each elementary school. She can get them through the recycling center for cost. The cost would be approximately \$233.00 per bench plus shipping making the total \$1,008,60; with paint and other items to dress them up a bit it would be a total of \$1,500.00.

Glenn asked her why she didn't ask the school board for help. She did go to the school board but only to ask for the approval of placing the benches because she thought it should be more of a community effort. The Kiwanis Club has given her \$200.00, she has asked the Vevay Switzerland County Foundation but they don't meet until the end of October; she has also asked both PTA groups. She is asking council for \$500.00 or more.

Council advised Vickie to go to the School Endowment Board for the whole amount and then if that does not work come back to another council meeting.

#5 Other Business

Non-binding reviews: The state requires the council to do a non-binding review of the townships, the towns, the school corporation, and the library budgets. Terry made the motion to approve the budgets, seconded by Tom and all agreed.

Review of the casino revenue percentages: Mike opened the topic up for discussion. Gayle gave the council members a current financial report for the casino funds. The admissions taxes are down from previously but the wagering cap was met. The current commitments were discussed.

After much discussion, Jeff made a motion to leave the percentages the same for 2015 as they are for 2014; motion died for the lack of a second. Terry made a motion to have a special meeting and go through the percentages line by line, seconded by Tom and all agreed. The special meeting is to be September 17th immediately following the joint meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Judge Coy's memo: Mike read the memo from Judge Coy concerning the working hours of 2 of his staff, Cheri Weales and Darlene Morton. This is just information for the council.

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#6 Additional Appropriation Ordinances

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

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

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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>EXTENSION OFFICE</i>		
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		
4123 SUMMER WORKSTUDY	\$ 1,922.50	_____
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$ 1,922.50	_____

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COUNTY GENERAL FUND	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
<i>COMMISSIONERS</i>		
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
4348 LIABILITY PREMIUN	\$ 1,204.73	_____
4372 COMPUTER MAINTENANCE	\$32,000.00	_____
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$33,204.73	_____

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COUNTY GENERAL FUND	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
<i>ANIMAL SHELTER</i>		
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
4324 PRINTING/ADVERTISING	\$ 1,456.00	_____
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$ 1,456.00	_____

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COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX FUND	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
200 SUPPLIES		
132-4242 PRISONER MEALS	\$ 383.85	_____
TOTAL COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX FUND	\$ 383.85	_____

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CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
4380 BENNINGTON PIKE BRIDGE	\$10,000.00	_____
TOTAL CUMULATIVE BRIDGE FUND	\$10,000.00	_____

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LOCAL HEALTH MAINTENANCE FUND	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
200 SUPPLIES		
4215 VACCINES/SUPPLIES	\$ 726.20	_____
TOTAL LOCAL HEALTH MAINTENANCE FUND	\$ 726.20	_____

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WASTEWATER UTILITY OPERATION FUND	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
4300 INSURANCE	\$ 1,492.44	_____
TOTAL WASTEWATER UTILITY OPERATION FUND	1,492.44	_____

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COUNTY TECH/EDUCATION CENTER FUND	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
4313 MAINTENANCE	\$ 5,000.00	_____
TOTAL COUNTY TECH/EDUCATION CENTER FUND	\$ 5,000.00	_____

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JACK SULLIVAN SWITZ CO SENIOR CITIZENS FUND	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		
4171 OASI	\$ 1,500.00	_____
200 SUPPLIES		
4219 MISC SUPPLIES	\$ 600.00	_____
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
4312 TELEPHONE	\$ 300.00	_____
TOTAL JACK SULLIVAN SWITZ CO SR CITIZENS FUND	\$ 2,400.00	_____

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VSCF/INDIGENT MEDS GRANT FUND	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
4300 2014 VSCF GRANT	\$10,000.00	_____
TOTAL VSCF/INDIGENT MEDS GRANT	\$10,000.00	_____

#7 Transfer Ordinance

The following transfer ordinance was approved on a motion by Glenn, seconded by Terry 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>COURTHOUSE</i>		
200 SUPPLIES		
4214 GAS	INCREASE	\$ 70.00
4219 MISC SUPPLIES	INCREASE	\$ 180.00
4220 HAND TOOLS/EQUIP	INCREASE	\$ 20.00
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
4320 INSURANCE	DECREASE	\$ 270.00

Adopted this 10th day of September, 2014.

#8 YMCA Celebration

Rachel announced that the YMCA is having a celebration on September 20th at 11:00 a.m. and the council is invited.

#9 Commissioners

Steve Lyons said the invoice for the annex generator repair amounted to \$9961.18 - just an FYI.

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#10 Connie Wallace - EMA

Connie gave the council some information regarding upgrading the 800 MHZ radio system to a P25 system; which is what the state has initiated. She has applied for a \$25,000.00 grant and she has \$10,000.00 coming from re-banding last year for a total of \$35,000.00 that can go toward the new system upgrade.

With no further business to come before council, Glenn made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Tom and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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