

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, Steve Crabtree, Terry Hall, Dr. Elizabeth Jones, Rachel Schuler, Glenn Scott, and John Gary Welch, the sheriff, Nathan Hughes, and the auditor, Gayle Rayles. The council attorney, Cody Kendall, was available by telephone.

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

The minutes of the previous meetings of December 10, 2014 and January 14, 2015 were approved as presented on a motion by Rachel, seconded by Terry and all agreed.

#1 Sarah Brichto – Child Advocacy

Sarah and Cindy Wagner came to answer questions and explain what the Child Advocacy Center does for Switzerland County. Council has supported them for the last 5 years. They work with law enforcement and the Department of Child Services concerning child abuse, neglect, etc.

Rachel asked if all of the surrounding counties give financial support, Sarah said that all the counties that they serve have given in the past and Jefferson, Decatur, and Jennings have not given an answer yet. They also have a contract with the Department of Child Services and they do fund raisers. Mike asked how many counties they serve; 7 counties which consists of Dearborn, Decatur, Ohio, Switzerland, Jefferson, Ripley, and Jennings. Glenn asked, of the counties, who gives the most financial assistance; Dearborn who gives \$125,000; Switzerland has always given \$10,000.00.

#2 Tanya Krall – Swiss Alps Printing – Report on Supplies

Tanya came to give a report on the supplies purchased by the county offices. She had a handout showing what each department spent. She was pleased with how things went.

#3 Other Business

List of computers and replacements: Gayle had a list that Marty Hankins came up with concerning computers that may need replaced in the near future; 28 total. Currently they are replaced as needed. This number is the worst case scenario. Gayle said the approximate cost would be about \$30,000.00. Steve wondered if it would be smart to have 1 or 2 on hand for when one goes down. A new inventory system for all equipment is going to be implemented soon. Glenn suggested revisiting this at budget time.

Redistricting: The council districts are the ones that need to be redone. Cody was contacted by telephone and explained that DePauw University had done a study which showed that several counties had not gone through the redistricting process in quite a while. The counties are supposed to go through it every time there is a census and Switzerland County hasn't done one in 20 years. Before, in 2014, it was tabled due to time constraints and financial issues. He suggested getting it going for 2017 and the reason he said 2017 is because 2016 is a congressional election year and would probably be harder. He said he would put together a presentation for the next meeting explaining the process. Steve asked if the county had to do it – Cody said not too many counties have been sued over this. This will be discussed at the next meeting in March.

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Firefighters on County Council: Cody had received a couple of emails concerning this issue. If a firefighter has a contract with a unit of government it cannot serve on that unit of government. For instance, a township fire department fireman would not be able to be on the township board. Switzerland County does not have a county fire department it has township fire departments. Just because those units give mutual aid to other townships does not prohibit them from serving on those units that they provide that service for. So with quite a bit of legal certainty, Cody feels that no one fits those facts and doesn't think it is an issue now or will be later. He talked to the election board before and there was no issue then.

Glenn asked if anyone on the council has an issue with him serving on county council. No one spoke up.

Sheriff's 2015 contract: The State Board of Accounts requires there to be a contract between the county and the sheriff. Dr. Jones made a motion to accept the contract, seconded by Steve and all agreed.

Community Foundation money – reinvest it or use it: Gayle explained that there is a Switzerland County Quality of Life Fund through the Community Foundation that is up to approximately \$500,000.00. Annually council will have an option to take the money that would ordinarily be used for a grant to the county and either keep the money or reinvest it. Up until last year it was always reinvested but there was discussion about keeping it. The amount is \$24,000.00 this year and there are no stipulations as to how it must be spent. Terry made a motion to reinvest the money, seconded by John Gary and all agreed.

Casino revenue requests: Glenn asked if anyone on the list did not receive money in 2014; Gayle said no. Some of the amounts have changed since last year; the sheriff's department amount changed because they are to purchase their cars from their casino revenue. The \$250.00 for Hoosier Hills is really dues so it is back in the county general budget. The Cemetery Board request has already been taken care of as well as the After Prom request, and the burial of veterans' amount was moved back into the general fund. The total last year for approved items was \$171,000.00 with the requested total amount being \$192,000.00 and this year the requests are \$99,105.00 and council has already approved \$7,000.00 of it.

Glenn asked for a recommendation from council. Dr. Jones thought things needed to be cut. Mike thought everyone should be cut the same. The SIRPC amount is actually dues, not a donation, as they provide services to the county. Steve said the LifeTime Resources funding is being cut by the federal government and county residents use their services extensively.

After further discussion, Terry made a motion to approve the amounts that were approved in 2014 with the option to hear any cuts or additions with the exception of the ones added back into the budget, the sheriff, and the ones that have already been paid out. Steve seconded the motion and the motion carried. Glenn read each line item for clarification.

Terry made a motion to cut out Vevay Main Street from the list, seconded by Mike and all agreed; they have already received \$5,000.00. Terry made a motion to cut the Relay-for-Life amount in half, seconded by Mike the motion carried with Steve voting "no". They will receive \$2,500.00.

Dr. Jones thought all of the entities should be cut to some degree.

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Casino revenue requests cont'd: Glenn asked if there were any more changes to be made. Rachel read the entire list this time to make sure everyone was in agreement. \$83,768.50 was approved, including the \$7,000.00 previously distributed.

Council Attorney: Cody Kendall has agreed to be the council's attorney for the rest of the year if council so desires. Dr. Jones had information about Mark Wynn who is an attorney in Madison Indiana and spoke favorable for him. Glenn made a motion to retain Cody Kendall as the council attorney for the rest of 2015, which was seconded by Rachel. After some discussion the motion carried with a vote of 5 to 2. Cody will be the council's attorney for the rest of 2015.

Joint meeting dates: After some discussion, Terry made a motion to have joint meetings in March and September at the council meetings, seconded by Rachel and the motion carried.

#4 Transfer Ordinance

The following additional appropriation ordinance was approved on a motion by Steve, 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 HIGHWAY FUND			AMOUNT
300	OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
	6364 REPAIR PARTS	DECREASE	\$34,591.00
400	CAPITAL OUTLAY		
	6440 ROAD EQUIPMENT	INCREASE	\$34,591.00

Adopted this 11th day of February, 2015.

With no further business to come before council, Terry made the motion to adjourn which was seconded by John Gary and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

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