

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, Elizabeth Jones, Rachel Schuler, Glenn Scott, and John Gary Welch, and the auditor, Gayle Rayles. Councilmen Steve Crabtree, attorney Cody Kendall, and the sheriff Nathan Hughes were absent. Councilman Terry Hall came in late.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting of February 10th were approved with Rachel stating she was not present at the last meeting as the minutes stated on a motion by Mike, seconded by John Gary and all agreed.

#1 Betty Lucas - County Health Department

Betty came to inform the council that the health department is going to buy a new truck. The old one is 10 years old and they are purchasing the same model, Chevy Colorado. They are trading in the old one and the difference is being paid with Local Health Department Trust grant money. Rachel made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Elizabeth and all agreed.

#2 Aaron Bell - SISWD

Mr. Bell came to inform council of what went on at the Southeastern Indiana Solid Waste District in 2015. He gave each council member a copy of their annual report. He pointed out that they gave 123 presentations to 3400 people, mostly school children. They started 6 new Earth Clubs which are hard to get started, especially with the older school kids.

They picked up 333,000 pounds of recycling from the schools in the 7-county district. They continue to offer a rebate back to the schools for the recycled material; at market value.

Their standard recycling program throughout the 7 counties realized an overall 4% increase. Those include the drop-off facilities, the containers at different areas such as in Patriot and Moorefield, and includes the curb-side recycling.

He thanked council for the support SISWD receives.

#3 Pat Lanman - School Endowment

Pat thanked the council for letting him be their representative for the School Endowment Board.

He came looking for guidance from council concerning the textbook program; the endowment has paid for them for a number of years which makes them free to the students/parents. The endowment board is in a situation now where with the current debt service they are paying they will not be able to cover the textbook fees. They are projected to receive about \$700,000.00 in riverboat funds.

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Pat Lanman - School Endowment cont'd

The school has 3 outstanding loans: the Middle School loan, the old Jeff-Craig loan, and the new Jeff-Craig loan. The new Jeff-Craig addition is a \$2,000,000.00 project. In order to alleviate as much off the taxpayers as they could, the School Endowment is paying \$1,000,000.00 of the project amount. Currently the debt service for the coming year is \$666,631.00. They just received a request from the school board for textbooks for next year (2016-2017) for \$235,000.00.

They have been trying to be good stewards, they put 15% of everything that council has given them into investments. They currently have \$1,660,593.00 in long term investments and in short term investments they currently have \$514,744.00. They have about 1.6 million dollars of cash on hand but they have not paid the previously mentioned \$1,000,000.00 yet; it's been appropriated but not spent. There is 4.4 million dollars in school debt left and that does not include interest. These type of loans do not have any incentive for early payoff; all the interest still has to be paid.

He wanted to know if the county would be willing to designate a line item for the amount of textbooks and then pay for them. If council agreed to this, the school corporation would give the Endowment Board the bills for the textbooks, then the auditor's office would make the check(s) to the Endowment Board for the exact cost of the books.

Glenn asked, of the school board members present, what the school board is contributing toward their debt. Joe Bennett said that so far on Jeff-Craig it is approximately \$300,000.00. Glenn asked if there would be more of a contribution by the school and Wilma Swango said there would be because the new addition will have to be furnished which would be out of school capital money.

After further discussion, council decided to table the School Endowment Board's request until this fall.

#4 Additional Appropriations

The following additional appropriation ordinances were approved on a motion by Terry, seconded by Elizabeth 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:

COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX FUND (1121)	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
SHERIFF		
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
4321 VEHICLE SERV/MAINT	\$ 388.22	_____
TOTAL COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX FUND	\$ 388.32	_____

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Additional Appropriations cont'd

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LOCAL HEALTH DEPT TRUST FUND (1206)	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
400 CAPITAL OUTLAY		
4411 EQUIPMENT	\$21740.26	_____
TOTAL LOCAL HEALTH DEPT TRUST FUND	\$21740.26	_____

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GUARDIAN AD LITEM FUND (1213)	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		
4111 GUARDIAN AD LITEM	\$12000.00	_____
TOTAL GUARDIAN AD LITEM FUND	\$12000.00	_____

#5 Transfer Ordinances

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

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FUND		AMOUNT
200 SUPPLIES		
4211 OFFICE SUPPLIES	DECREASE	\$150.00
400 CAPITAL OUTLAY		
4451 OFFICE EQUIPMENT	INCREASE	\$150.00

Adopted this 9th day of March 2016.

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Commissioner Mark Lohide gave the council the heads up about wanting to do some chip and seal work again this summer and getting started earlier in the summer.

Glenn informed council that he was hired as an employee for the county-owned emergency services (SCER) and there is an IC code that says he cannot do both. There is no enforcement written in the code but sometime in the near future he will probably have to resign his position as councilman. He has talked to Attorney Cody Kendall and county Attorney Wil Goering about this.

With no further business to come before the council, Mike made a motion to adjourn, seconded by John Gary and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

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