

**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, Elizabeth Jones, Rachel Schuler, Glenn Scott, and John Gary Welch, the sheriff, Nathan Hughes, and the auditor, Gayle Rayles.

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

The minutes of the previous regular meeting of June 8<sup>th</sup> and the joint meeting of June 20<sup>th</sup> were approved on a motion by Steve, seconded by John and all agreed.

**#1 Carolyn Miller - Cemetery Board Update**

Carolyn came to give a 6 month update on the Cemetery Board; she had a handout for each council member. She said they are going to finish the Eggleston Cemetery at a cost of \$1350.00 which will leave them about \$400.00 in funds. She said they really appreciated the \$10,000.00 that council had given them for this year. They can do a lot because of volunteers and Sheriff Hughes has been really good about giving the Cemetery Board inmates to help do the work, with Bert Allen volunteering to oversee them. She said the highway department works well with the Cemetery Board also. Carolyn said they continue to be frugal with their money and are able to accomplish a lot of projects with everyone working together.

**#2 Deputy Mike and Cory Dawson - Funding for the Youth Pacer Athletics Corporation**

Cory came representing Switzerland County Little League and they are trying to raise funds to be able to play football this season. Their first game is August 6<sup>th</sup>. They have done fund raisers all summer but have come up short on money. They are no longer playing with Madison; they are on their own and playing with Gallatin County Kentucky. They are working with Ryan Jessop, SCHS football coach, since they are the feeder program for his up and coming athletes.

She is asking for help with the purchase of helmets. The Town of Vevay has agreed to do a \$3,000.00 donation if the county council will match it. The organization is a 501C3 and can legally take donations; they have reorganized from the original entity. Rachel ask if they are planning to go to the School Endowment and Cory said the Endowment board would be the very last option.

Glenn asked what would happen to the equipment if 2 years down the road they no longer existed. Cory said the equipment would go to Ryan Jessop at the school. He asked if that agreement is in writing and Cory said it is in their by-laws. They have a building to keep all of the equipment locked up in. Cory said the new helmets should last for 10 years.

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She said they need a total of about \$17,000.00 to run with the program. If council gives them the \$3,000.00, plus the \$3,000.00 from the Town of Vevay, Patriot gave them \$1,000.00, they have raised \$1,500.00 via fund raisers; this would be the total of their funds so far. The company where they are getting the equipment has allowed them to pay what they can up front and let them have the equipment and then make payments until all is paid off.

Rachel asked what they would need next year; Cory said hopefully nothing unless it would be shoulder pads and help with paying for insurance. The age group for this program is kindergarten through sixth grade. Then these kids will go and play with the junior high school program.

Cory said they are asking for \$5,000.00 from the Vevay-Switzerland County Foundation but do not know yet if they are getting it or not. The company they are getting the helmets from is donating have of them.

Glenn said he would entertain a motion for the \$3,000.00 request. Rachel said she would like to see the School Endowment contribute some funding. Steve made a motion to approve the \$3,000.00 request, seconded by Rachel the motion carried with Elizabeth, Mike and Terry voting no and Rachel, Glenn, Steve, and John Gary voting yes. The 3 council members who voted against the motion would like to see the School Endowment more involved.

Glenn said he would like to have a copy of the organization's by-laws on file at the courthouse due to where the equipment and money goes if the entity should cease to exist.

**#3 Sarah Brichto - Child Advocacy Funding for 2017**

Sarah came to give council an update on what has been happening with her organization and thanked them for their continued support over the years. They have been able to help close to 2,700 children over the years.

She is trying to get medical exams for all of the children they see. This is one of the standards of the National Children's Alliance for these types of centers.

They are expanding their territory to Scott County which will be interesting considering the heroin usage in that county.

She just wanted to thank them for their support and to please consider them for the future. The council gave them \$10,000.00 last time. They have received \$25,000.00 from Jefferson and Dearborn counties; Lawrenceburg gives \$75,000.00 to \$100,000.00.

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**#4 Additional Appropriation Ordinances**

The following additional appropriation ordinance was approved on a motion by Steve, seconded by Mike 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 OPTION INCOME TAX FUND (1121)</b>		<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>AMOUNT APPROVED</b>
<i>SHERIFF</i>			
100	PERSONAL SERVICES		
	4121 SHERIFF DEPT OVERTIME	\$25000.00	_____
200	SUPPLIES		
	4215 GAS	\$ 277.50	_____
<b>TOTAL COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX FUND</b>		<b>\$25277.50</b>	_____

The following additional appropriation ordinance was approved on a motion by Elizabeth, seconded by Rachel the motion carried with all voting yes except Glenn who abstained. (Glenn turned the meeting over to Rachel for this ordinance.)

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<b>EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FUND (1151)</b>		<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>AMOUNT APPROVED</b>
100	PERSONAL SERVICES		
	4165 OVERTIME	\$15000.00	_____
200	SUPPLIES		
	4201 UNIT OP SUPPLIES	\$70000.00	_____
	4203 OTHER SUPPLIES	\$ 5000.00	_____
300	OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
	4301 CONTRACT SERVICES	\$35000.00	_____
	4302 PRINTING/ADVERTISING	\$ 500.00	_____
<b>TOTAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FUND</b>		<b>\$125500.00</b>	_____

**#5 Chief Deputy Brian Morton - Sheriff Department 2017 Salary Matrix**

Brian brought copies of the commissary report and his plan for a salary matrix. He wants to pay his employees more for the years of service and qualifications and not just the position. This matrix includes the incentive pay that is normally paid twice a year to all of the merit deputies and does not include an actual raise. This matrix makes the salaries more in line with the pay of other counties. The council received the information favorably.

**REGULAR MEETING - PAGE 4****#6 2017 Budgets**

Gayle gave each council member a 2017 budget binder to review. There was some discussion about the Prosecutor VI-D and ISETS budgets.

The jail commander also did a salary matrix of sorts in order to pay employees in regards to number of years of service and qualifications, etc. She added the incentive pay into her pay schedule so it would not be paid out once or twice a year; it is figured into the regular salary.

She has run the numbers and the COIT Fund will be lacking but the General Fund will be in good shape. The COIT money can once again go into the General Fund in 2017, like it always used to, instead of having to be separate. Rachel is in favor of putting the COIT money in the General Fund.

Gayle suggested that since the finances for 2017 look so good that maybe it would be a good idea to move 1 or 2 of the sheriff deputies paid out of the casino revenue into the General Fund.

Steve asked where, if at all, the casino revenue is being used to boost the General Fund. Gayle said that \$500,000.00 has been put into the General Fund for the last 6 years to keep it out of the red. This is the first year for a while that the General Fund is predicted to be in the black. One thing that helped is that there is no county elections in 2017. Gayle used the same dollar amount from property taxes as this year to figure the budget.

Gayle would like to do some double checking and number tweaking and bring back new 2017 budgets to the next meeting.

Terry asked about an amount for a new building, if one has to be built for SCER. There are no numbers yet and there is a possibility that the Switzerland County EMS building can be purchased by the county. Terry said he would not vote to purchase the SCEMS building and Mike agreed.

Gayle asked for permission to go ahead and do the budget as if it had been finalized; it doesn't mean something could not be changed. It just means it will have truer numbers. She would like a suggestion on a salary increase amount to use to figure salaries; she suggested using 3%.

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With no further business to come before council, Terry made the motion to adjourn, seconded by John Gary and they all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

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