

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, and the county auditor, Gayle Rayles.

The meeting was opened by council president, Glenn Scott, who also led the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting of August 10th and the joint meetings of August 15th and September 6th were approved as presented on a motion by Steve, seconded by John Gary and all agreed.

#1 Carol Ann Sublett – NMC Employee Salary Increase

Carol Ann came in representation of the NMC board to inform the council that one of their employees had received more training and certification and after that had requested a pay increase. After some research by the board, in clinics of this type, the average income for this position is approximately \$30,000.00 per year. The NMC board has decided to increase the salary of this position to \$30,000.00. The employee is Kelsey Carfield. The council did not have a problem with this as the clinic receives grant money.

#2 Jon Bond – Refinancing

Jon came to inform council that everyone has verbally agreed; which is Regions Bank and Keystone, to extend the payoff date to July 2017. Which means the payment for this November should about what it has been in the past. He should have more information for the next meeting. He is still waiting to hear back from the local banks. The commissioners will need to sign the agreement for the extension in the near future.

Lawrenceburg does not formally have a program to issue bonds; you can't just go and apply. He will try and have a conversation with them here in the next few weeks because they can legally help financially if they will. The Town of Vevay is just like the county as they can't borrow money against real estate.

Steve asked about Redevelopment buying the building. The commissioners did not want to go that route since the county would still be paying the loan.

There was discussion about a USDA loan and using riverboat revenue funds versus tax dollars for financing.

#3 Other Business

Non-binding budget review: Gayle said this is really just the last review before the 2017 budget is approved. She printed out a new General Fund budget because now it includes all of the expenses that were in the COIT fund and some other changes that she noted.

Gayle said Community Mental Health has asked for more money than the state feels they are entitled to, which is only a few hundred dollars. But when she submits the budget to the state she has to put in there what council decides to do. Community Mental Health sent a letter asking for \$44,148.00 in their levy. The state calculations indicate they should only get \$43,564.00. Mental Health has sent other county letters saying they owe them money.

After some discussion Terry made a motion to go with the figure of \$43,564.00 that the state recommends for Mental Health, seconded by Mike and all agreed.

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Other Business cont'd

Gayle brought up the fact that she had the incorrect salary amount for Kelsey' salary in the budget. She will need to change it for the next meeting. Carol Ann said the salary increase would start January 1, 2017. The raise for 2017 that everyone would get would not affect the new amount.

Gayle had 1 last thing to bring up: she said she feels that each department that has their own funds should pay part of the phone bill. The auditor's office tried to figure out a breakdown of cost by department for the NMC and Health Department, with the help of the phone company. It really couldn't be done the way it is billed. So she went in and charged the NMC and Health Department \$4,000.00 each in years past. Gayle wants to know if council wants her to change the NMC budget to read \$4,000.00 instead of the \$3,500.00 that they turned in. Commissioner Josh South said he would try to contact CenturyLink and figure out how to breakdown the bill. Elizabeth made a motion to budget \$4,000.00 in the NMC budget for the telephone bill for 2017 which was seconded by Mike. After some discussion Glenn called for a vote; motion carried with a vote of 5 to 1 with Terry voting no and Rachel abstaining.

There was some discussion about the rest of the 2017 budgets and especially salaries and the way the sheriff and jail salaries are now going to be figured; via a matrix. Gayle informed council that the court employees' salaries will be paid from the General Fund instead of part of them coming out of APUF and the 911 director's salary will also come solely from the General Fund instead of from Communications and Statewide 911.

Gayle said the DLGF gave her an estimated maximum tax levy for 2017 of \$2,324,392.00.

#4 Additional Appropriation Ordinances

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
<i>SHERIFF</i>		
200 SUPPLIES		
4213 K-9 SUPPLIES	\$ 90.00	_____
TOTAL COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX FUND	\$ 90.00	_____

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Additional Appropriation Ordinances cont'd

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COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX FUND (1121)	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
<i>JAIL</i>		
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		
4123 OASI	\$1067.33	_____
4128 VEVAY JAILER	\$8294.00	_____
4129 TOURISM JAILER	\$3724.50	_____
4130 VEVAY MAIN ST JAILER	\$1933.75	_____
TOTAL COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX FUND	\$15378.68	_____

REIMBURSEMENTS FROM THE DIFFERENT ENTITIES

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<i>EMA</i>		
400 CAPITAL OUTLAY		
4411 RADIO EQUIPMENT	\$10095.48	_____
TOTAL COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX FUND	\$10095.48	_____

MONEY RECEIVED FROM 2 DIFFERENT ENTITIES FOR RADIO LINK AT MOOREFIELD AND EAST ENTERPRISE

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#5 Transfer Ordinances

The following transfer ordinances were approved on a motion by Terry, seconded by Steve 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.

ADULT PROBATION USERS FEES (2000)		AMOUNT
200	SUPPLIES	
	4212 REPAIR OF EQUIP INCREASE	\$ 80.00
400	CAPITAL OUTLAY	
	4411 OFFICE EQUIP DECREASE	\$ 80.00

Adopted this 14th day of September 2016.

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COUNTY INCOME OPTION TAX (1121)		AMOUNT
<i>EMA</i>		
300	OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES	
	4324 PRINTING/ADVERTISING DECREASE	\$ 200.00
	4381 REGISTRATION/TUITION DECREASE	\$ 800.00
400	CAPITAL OUTLAY	
	4411 RADIO EQUIPMENT INCREASE	\$1000.00

Adopted this 14th day of September 2016.

Commissioner Josh South said the radio problem at the tech building is solved. They thought it was going to be a big expense but turned out not to be.

With no further business to come before council, Steve made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Attest: _____

Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor
Switzerland County, Indiana