

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 members: Elizabeth Jones, Lisa Fisher, Mike Bear, Andy Haskell, Glenn Scott, Rachel Schuler, John Gary Welch and the auditor, Gayle Rayles.

President, Elizabeth Jones, convened the Public Budget Hearing at 5:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

Gayle provided the council with copies of the Budget Estimates report that the public can review in Gateway. President Jones asked for questions from the public regarding the 2019 budget. There being no questions the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

President Jones then opened the regular monthly meeting.

The minutes of the August 8, 2018 regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Mike and seconded by John; all agreed.

#1 Other Business

- a) Commissary Report: The council reviewed the semi-annual Commissary report provided by the Sheriff.
- b) Redevelopment Board Appointment: There were three applications for the position open on the redevelopment board: Joey Rider, Dr. Ivan Green and Richard Yanikoski. Elizabeth stated that Richard had withdrawn his name. She opened the floor for discussion. There was little discussion. She called for the vote. There were two votes for Dr. Green (Lisa and John); there were four votes for Joey Rider (Mike, Rachel, Andy and Glenn) and Elizabeth abstained. Joey Rider will be the appointee for the remainder of Fred Staves term.
- c) 2019 Budget: Jacque Clements, with AIC, provided the council with information on the 2019 budget that included a summary of the budgeted funds 2018 remaining income and expenses plus the 2019 budget with the ending cash balance for each fund. The 2019 maximum levy growth is 3.4%. Switzerland County's maximum levy for 2019 is \$2,490,039.00. Jacque explained that this levy supports the General Fund, Health Department, Reassessment, Cumulative Bridge and Cumulative Capital Development. If any of the funds, other than the General Fund, is increased, the offset comes from the General Fund. Jacque also went over the 2018-2019 budget notes.

Gayle provided 2019 budget reports that showed the revised figures after the decreases to the 2018 and 2019 budgets the departments had agreed to. These reports included a 3% pay increase for all employees in 2019.

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#2 Other Business (continued):

After a review of some line items, the council made no request for further changes. These numbers will become official after the final vote at the October 10th meeting. Gayle reminded them that the salary amounts in the budget are not official until the Salary Ordinance is passed

d) Transfer Ordinance - Prosecutor:

The following transfer ordinance was approved on a motion by Glenn, seconded by Andy 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 (1000)	AMOUNT
<i>PROSECUTOR</i>	
200 SUPPLIES	
4211 OFFICE SUPPLIES INCREASE	\$200.00
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES	
4316 DUES DECREASE	\$200.00

Adopted this 12th day of September 2018.

e) Other:

- Lisa asked about receiving a new Casino Revenue Report. Gayle said the September Supplemental funds have been received and she is working on the distributions. As soon as she has the numbers together she will send out a new Balance Report.
- Gayle asked which month the council would like to review the Casino Revenue percentages and the grant requests. The portions distributed to the various entities will be decided in November and the grant requests will be handled in January.
- Gayle suggested there be some clarification on the 2018 group insurance cost increase that would ordinarily have been passed on to the employees that the council covered since there were no pay increases this year. Glenn, who made the motion, intended for it to be permanent; however, some of the members thought it was for 2018 only. This item will be discussed at the October meeting.
- There were some questions regarding the actual cost of the phone service being passed on to the Nurse Managed Clinic and the Health Department. In the past the amounts were an estimate. The new phone service is able to give us a breakdown by department.

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Other continued:

- Nadine Swift, SCER director, gave the council an overview of the progress they've made since their start up. She said that she did not feel all of the employees need a pay increase at this time. She said that the full-time people are at the top of the scale for our area. Considering that they work two 24-hour shifts and are guaranteed overtime every week and with five days off most have a second job, she would recommend waiting a year for raises. She feels that the part-time employees should receive an increase and recommended 3.5%. After some discussion, the council members decided to give the 3% increase to all of the SCER employees.
- Mark Lohide gave the council an update on what the commissioners have accomplished in recent months. He thanked council for paying for the dump trucks, which should be here next month.

There being no further business to come before council, Lisa made a motion to adjourn; John seconded and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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