

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, Rachel Schuler and auditor Gayle Rayles. Councilmen Glenn Scott and John Gary Welch were absent.

The meeting was opened at 5:00 p.m. by president, Elizabeth Jones, with the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the April 11, 2018 meeting were approved on a motion by Andy, seconded by Lisa and all agreed.

#1 Kerry McConnell - SIRPC - Rehab Grant

Kerry McConnell, with SIRPC, said she had spoken to the commissioners about applying for the next Owner-Occupied Rehab Grant. They were in favor of her speaking with the council. The deadline to apply for the next grant cycle is December of 2018. The county recently applied for and received \$350,000.00 in a previous cycle and Kerry cautioned that this may hurt the county if they apply. A match commitment is not required to apply this time.

There is a USDA Grant the county can apply for. The deadline is in June, and if received, that money could go toward any match commitment. Kerry said almost everyone who applies is awarded money. The amount is approximately \$11,000.00.

There was a discussion on how the grant funds are distributed, what essential repairs are done to the homes, the inspections that determine what is needed and the follow-up inspections that assure everything is done correctly and up to code. If granted the full amount of \$350,000.00, approximately 14 homes would receive upgrades.

The council discussed applying with a 10% match as opposed to not committing to a match this time. The consensus was that the match would show the county's commitment and their willingness to invest in the projects.

Rachel made a motion to apply for the Owner-Occupied Rehab Grant with the county making a commitment of up to 10% of the amount awarded. Lisa seconded the motion and the motion passed with a vote of four to one with Andy voting against the motion.

#2 Joint Meeting

President Jones reminded the members that there will be a joint council and commissioners meeting at 5:00 p.m. on June 13th. The joint meeting will be followed by the council's regular meeting. Jeff Quyle with Radius will be speaking to the members on Switzerland County Economic Development. Gayle explained that Jeff knows Jon Bond and will be reaching out to him for information on what items or deals are ongoing or pending as Jon leaves his position as director. Jeff plans to have recommendations on the future of Economic Development for the members.

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#3 Hiring Matrix

President Jones went over a copy of the hiring matrix everyone had received. She read the assumptions the committee had established as they go forward with the matrix. She reviewed the categories the committee recommends and explained the logic behind the groupings. The categories are based on the job descriptions. There was a discussion on the matrix thus far. Elizabeth explained that the committee is to report to the council on a regular basis to keep them informed of the progress being made. This was the first progress report.

All council members had previously received copies of the job descriptions and Elizabeth said their charge was to review the categories the committee recommends and the job descriptions to see if they agree with the groupings.

There being no further business to come before council, Mike made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lisa and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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