

**SPECIAL MEETING – WEDNESDAY AT 5:00 P.M.**

The Switzerland County Council met in special session pursuant to law and by being duly advertised.

Those present: council: Mike Bear, Todd Chase, Lance Collier, Andy Haskell, Elizabeth Jones, Lisa Fisher and Rachel Schuler, and county auditor, Carolyn Green.

The meeting was called to order by Elizabeth with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**#1 Covid-19 Pandemic Effects on the County Revenue**

Past auditor, Gayle Rayles, had been asked to attend this special meeting to present her recommendations on the funds that should be available to the county for the coming year considering the current circumstances.

Jon Bond was also present and gave an update on the status of Belterra and the projected lost revenue.

After some discussion, Lisa presented her thoughts on the status of the county funds. In order to hold down the need for increased taxes she feels we should look at budget cuts now. A big concern is having the money to pay for insurance and the necessary salaries.

Rachel would like to wait until 2021 budget time to make these decisions and Lance agrees.

Lisa made a motion for a 10% 2020 budget reduction from every department except the surveyor and coroner since their budgets are so small, seconded by Mike and the motion failed by a vote of 3 to 4.

Rachel then made a motion to freeze the April casino revenue distributions except for Law Enforcement, SCER, Infrastructure, County Council, Debt Service, Savings, and Rainy Day, seconded by Lance and the motion passed unanimously.

With no further business to come before council, Lisa made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carolyn J. Green, Auditor  
Switzerland County, Indiana