

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: Lance Collier, Matt Dutkiewicz, Lisa Fisher, Andy Haskell, and Randy Leap. Council members Mike Bear and Todd Chase and auditor Carolyn Green were absent.

Lance opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting of January 13th were approved as presented on a motion by Lisa, seconded by Matt and the motion carried.

#1 Donation Requests

Lance announced that all board donation requests would be moved to March because those presenting could not be in attendance due to bad weather.

#2 School Endowment Board Appointment

The vacancy created by the resignation of Jim Phipps had 2 applicants: Rachel Schuler and Jill Cord. After discussion, Randy made a motion to appoint Rachel to this position, seconded by Andy and the motion carried with a vote of 4 to 1 with Matt voting no.

#3 Reduction Ordinance

The following reduction ordinance was approved on a motion by Lisa, seconded by Andy and the motion carried.

APPROPRIATION REDUCTION ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate less 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 reduced and ordered set apart out of several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same:

BELTERRA FUND (4900)	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		
4118 DEPUTY VI	\$ 43721.40	_____
4120 DEPUTY VII	\$ 41565.40	_____
4121 PROCESS SERVER	\$ 34760.60	_____
4126 DEPUTY VIII	\$ 39693.00	_____
TOTAL BELTERRA FUND REDUCTION	\$159740.40	_____

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#4 Gaming Revenue Update

Jon Bond gave the update on the gaming revenue. Threes are a little better than projected. \$268,000.00 was projected and it was \$305,000.00 but it was not enough of an improvement to change the plan. Council should not expect to match the previous numbers; \$6,000,000.00 is a more realistic projection.

Andy made the motion to fund the same sharing percentage projection of \$6,000,000.00 revenue, excluding the Fire Chiefs Association, seconded by Lisa and the vote was unanimous. Randy will ask the Fire Chiefs Association at their next meeting to give the council a financial report.

#5 County Administrator Position

There was discussion about the commissioner assistant position being rehired and redesigned to make it a full-time position rather than a part-time position. Lance read the job description and there was discussion about adding the website and Facebook page management to the job description. Lisa made the motion to approve the rehiring and adding the website and Facebook management to the job description, with the salary discussion separate, seconded by Andy and the motion passed unanimously.

Andy made a motion to cap the salary at \$40,000.00 but it died for the lack of a second. Matt made a motion to max the salary at \$45,000.00, seconded by Randy and the motion carried with a vote of 4 to 1 with Andy voting no.

#6 Board Reports

1. Lisa reported on the SIRPC board news.
2. Randy reported that the Fire Chiefs Association will be meeting on this coming Saturday.
3. Andy reported on the Endowment board.
4. Lance reported that Soil and Water Conservation District meets next Wednesday.

Matt explained that he had received calls asking why he did not volunteer to serve on some of the boards. He felt like, since he was appointed and not elected, that the elected council members should take precedence.

With no further business to come before the council, Andy made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Randy and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Attest: _____
Carolyn J. Green, Auditor
Switzerland County, Indiana