

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: Todd Chase, Lance Collier, Matt Dutkiewicz Lisa Fisher, Randy Leap, Steven Jones-Ellard, and the auditor, Carolyn Green. Councilman, Andy Haskell, was absent.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting of February 10th were approved as presented on a motion by Lisa, seconded by Randy and the motion carried.

The council welcomed their new member, Steven Jones-Ellard, who is fulfilling the remaining term of Mike Bear.

The council would like to thank Mike Bear for all his years of service to the county.

#1 Stephanie Back - Children's Advocacy Group (CACSEI)

Stephanie Back - Executive Director, explained a little bit about the organization for the newer members. They served over 600 traumatized children in 2020. They receive 25% of their funds from local organizations, 25% from fundraisers, and 50% from grants and the government. She presented a contract, but the council does not handle Contracts. The group is asking for a donation of \$10,000.00.

#2 Craig Beckley - Heart House

Mr. Beckley informed council that Heart House is the largest homeless shelter south of Indianapolis. They are asking for financial support in the amount of \$7,500.00.

#3 Glenn Scott - Fire Chiefs' Association

Glenn, on behalf of the Fire Chief's Association is asking for a higher percentage of the casino distributions. It was decided that Randy would act as the council representative to work with the Association. Council is asking to see the Fire Chiefs' budget to get a better understanding for where the money is being applied.

#4 Additional Donation Requests

- 1) Mary Mattingly - Safe Passage: Safe Passage provides shelter for victims of sexual violence. They provide undisclosed locations for victims and their children. They also provide a non-residential program if victims need support but are not ready to go to a shelter. There are satellite sites in Batesville, Greendale, and Madison. The sheriff calls on Safe Passage when they need a place for victims to go. They are asking for a donation of \$12,500.00 which ½ of their shortfall.

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Additional Donation Requests cont'd

2) Erin Thomas - Lifetime Resources: This is the area agency on aging. They provide home delivered meal, meal sites (which have temporarily been closed), and Catch-a-Ride. They are asking for \$9,000.00.

The following motions were made on the requests:

Matt made a motion to keep the **Fire Chiefs'** percentage at 3.35%, seconded by Randy and the motion carried.

Todd made a motion to approve \$6,000.00 for **Heart House**, seconded by Randy and the motion carried.

Lisa made a motion to approve \$9,000.00 for Lifetime Resources, seconded by Steve and the motion carried.

Matt made motion to approve \$10,000.00 for Children's Advocacy Group, seconded by Lisa seconded and the motion carried.

Lisa made a motion to approve \$12,500.00 for Safe Passage, seconded by Matt and the motion carried.

#5 Revised Salary Ordinance - Public Safety Tax

The following Revised Salary Ordinance was approved on a motion by Lisa, seconded by Todd and the motion carried.

REVISED SALARY ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF SWITZERLAND COUNTY, INDIANA, FIXING THE SALARIES OF ALL OFFICERS, DEPUTIES, ASSISTANTS, AND EMPLOYEES, AND FIXING THE NUMBER OF DEPUTIES, ASSISTANTS, AND OTHER EMPLOYEES FOR EACH OFFICE OR DEPARTMENT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021, FOR SWITZERLAND COUNTY, INDIANA:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF SWITZERLAND COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021, THE SALARIES OF THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS, DEPUTIES, ASSISTANTS, AND EMPLOYEES AND THE NUMBER OF DEPUTIES, ASSISTANTS, AND EMPLOYEES FOR EACH OFFICE OR DEPARTMENT OF SWITZERLAND COUNTY, INDIANA, BE AND ARE THE SAME HEREBY SET AND FIXED AS FOLLOWS:

| <u>TITLE OF POSITION OR EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATION</u> | <u>BUDGET/ DEPARTMENT</u> | <u>NUMBE R</u> | <u>RATE OF YEARLY COMPENSATION</u> | <u>RATE OF PAY PER CHECK</u> |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| DEPUTY VI | PST - 1170 | 1 | 43,311.00 | \$1,665.81 |
| DEPUTY VII | PST - 1170 | 1 | 45,387.00 | \$1,745.65 |
| DEPUTY VIII | PST - 1170 | 1 | 41,288.00 | \$1,588.00 |
| PROCESS SERVER | PST - 1170 | 1 | 36,151.00 | \$1,390.42 |

ADOPTED THIS 10TH DAY OF MARCH 2021.

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#6 East Enterprise Regional Sewer District Funds

Carolyn explained that there are matching grant monies left in fund 8902 and she is requesting to put those funds back into fund 1191. Lisa made a motion to approve returning the matching grant funds remaining in the EERSD fund 8202 back into the Casino Fund 1191, seconded by Randy and the motion carried.

#7 Board Reports

Lance said he received a call from someone saying how well the Health Department is doing with the vaccines at the Tech Building.

#7 Cheryl Burress - Vevay Main Street

Cheryl came on behalf of Vevay Main Street to ask Council for a donation \$5,000.00 for a new director. Council asked about upcoming events and she said there will be a Blue Grass Band in April, a 4-H animal blessing, donations for the animal shelter, and gift bags for senior citizens. They did receive a grant for \$5,000.00 to pay for the director for 6 months. Steve made a motion to table this request, seconded by Matt and the motion carried.

#8 Harold Scranton, Jr. - East Enterprise Volunteer Fire Department

Mr. Scranton is genuinely concerned that the number of volunteers for the fire department are decreasing.

With no further business to come before council, Lisa made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Randy and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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