

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

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

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

#1 Judge Coy – Sound Equipment and Jury Trial

The Judge presented a proposal to put \$30,000.00 from the Public Defender Fund into the General Fund then claim the funds from the General Fund to be used for new sound equipment and jury trials. Andy made a motion to accept this proposal, seconded by Randy and the motion carried.

#2 Carolyn Miller – Cemetery Board

Carolyn came on behalf of the Cemetery Board asking for operating funds for cemetery renovation. Steve made a motion to approve \$10,000.00 for the cemetery board, seconded by Matt and the motion carried.

#3 Eric Fletcher – Clean Road Initiative Funding

Mr. Fletcher came requesting funding for signage, etc. for cleaning up the county roads. Council told him to go to the commissioners with his request.

#4 Martha Bladen – Historical Society

Martha came requesting \$5,000.00 for the Historical Society. After some discussion Andy made a motion to approve \$5,000.00, seconded by Matt and the motion carried.

#5 Connie Adams – Hoosier Theater

Connie came requesting \$15,000.00 for the Hoosier Theater. After discussion Andy made a motion to approve \$5,000.00, seconded by Steve and the motion carried.

#7 Old Business

- A) Vevay Main Street: Cheryl came requesting \$5,000.00 to assist with paying a director for Vevay Main Street. Andy made a motion to approve \$5,000.00, seconded by Randy and the motion carried. Having a paid director assists in getting the approval of grants.

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- B) Fire Chiefs Association: The Council would like to know where and how the defunct Patriot Fire Department funds are being held. Council would also like to see the Associations' by-laws. They would also like to see the merger of the Posey Fire Department with the defunct Patriot Fire Department.
- C) Board Reports:
 - 1. School Endowment: Andy said they are working with an engineer for a 2 to 5 year plan.
 - 2. SIRPC: Todd attended the last meeting where they had a guest speaker.
 - 3. EMA: Lisa attended the last meeting. They are looking to purchase AED's with grant money.

#8 American Rescue Plan

There will be a webinar concerning the American Rescue Plan; about how it can be used. Lisa will forward the information to the other council members. Jon Bond said the first allotment should come early in May but that the next payment would not be until 2022. Right now it has been determined that the funds can be used for public expenses and lost revenue replacement but he is not sure of how this would apply to lost casino revenue. The total amount the county is to receive is a little over \$2,000,000.00 which includes some for the Town of Vevay and the Town of Patriot.

Lisa also let the council members know about the AIC meeting on May 13th to be held at Belterra Casino Resort. If anyone wants to go they are to let the auditor know.

With no further business to come before this session, Andy made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Steve and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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