

**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: Tom Conroy, Jeff Darling, Terry Hall, Mike Jones, Rachel Schuler, Glenn Scott, the sheriff, Roy Leap, the auditor, Gayle Rayles, and the deputy auditor, Connie Christman. Steve Crabtree and the council attorney, Cody Kendall, were absent.

The meeting was opened by Roy who also led the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the previous meeting of January 9<sup>th</sup> were approved as presented on a motion by Glenn, seconded by Tom and all agreed.

**#1 Wilma Swango – Bicentennial**

Wilma came to request financial assistance for the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of Vevay and Switzerland County which is to be held in October of this year. They are hoping to get enough financial assistance from different entities in order for there to be no admission fees. Their budget is an estimated \$240,000.00. They have received \$7,000.00 in start-up money from the Town of Vevay, approximately \$50,000.00 from tourism, a \$10,000.00 commitment from the Vevay-Switzerland County Foundation, and they have an application in to the Community Foundation for \$5,000.00, which is also their fiscal agent. The Paul Ogle Foundation has given them \$50,000.00 with the requirement that it be matched. They are asking the council to give them \$10,000.00. They are also looking for volunteers.

Mike told Wilma that this request will be considered at the special meeting council is to schedule in order to go over all of the requests for funding.

Mike asked if any other organization was in attendance that wanted to speak to council concerning their request for funds.

Toni Kniola, president of the Historical Hoosier Theater, handed out some new brochures and schedules to council. Council has given them money the past 3 years; \$15,000.00 each year and they would appreciate the council's continued support.

Tyler Allen, Swiss Wine Festival board member, came to tell the council they appreciated the support in the past and hope they will be considered again this year.

**#2 Keli Gabbard – Wages**

Keli and Tara Hite, of the animal shelter, came to ask council if they could have their hours changed from 34 to 40 hours per week as they cannot get their accumulated comp time used up and lose quite a lot every year. After much discussion it was tabled until the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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The commissioners thought that council had agreed to pay for ½ of the cost of the generator at the annex building but it was never voted on. Council's cost would be \$34,000.00. Rachel asked if the cost could be taken out of Cum Cap funds – not without draining the fund. The consensus is that the commissioners should pay for all of it.

**#4 Purdue Extension Annual Report**

Gayle gave the council a copy of the Purdue Extension Annual Report for their review.

**#5 Planning & Zoning Report of Collections**

Mark Archer sent a copy of his annual report of collections for 2012. The total collections for 2012 were \$10,316.00 and in 2011 they were \$9,992.00.

**#6 Funding Requests Meeting**

Rachel asked what the plan of attach is going to be; if people need to be here or if they would just go off of the requests. Gayle said she would prepare a spreadsheet showing what each entity received in the past and what they are requesting for 2012. Jeff asked if this could be sent via email prior to the requests meeting.

The funding meeting is to be Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m. here in the courthouse.

**#7 Sheriff Vehicles**

Roy sent a letter to the council requesting funding to purchase 2 vehicles for the sheriff's department from riverboat revenue for 2013. The total cost of each vehicle would be \$32,000.00 for a total of \$64,000.00. They would need to be paid for in August. This would make 4 new vehicles this year, two of which were approved in 2012. This request will be considered at the February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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With no further business to come before council, Glenn made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jeff and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

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Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor  
Switzerland County, Indiana