

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: Tom Conroy, Steve Crabtree, Jeff Darling, Terry Hall, Mike Jones, Rachel Schuler, and Glenn Scott, the sheriff, Roy Leap, and the auditor, Gayle Rayles. Attorney Cody Kendall was absent.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting of July 10th were approved as presented on a motion by Tom, seconded by Steve and all agreed.

#1 Katie Collier – S.W.C.D.

Katie came to inform the council that her office is helping the county with the Grants Creek mitigation with identifying the invasive species on the property. They signed off on that last week. She also wanted to let them know that the Indian Creek Watershed Project has received another implementation grant of \$200,002.00. She invited council to their first steering meeting concerning this on Monday at 7:00 p.m. at the annex.

#2 Linda Elam – East Enterprise Regional Sewer District – 2 Proposals

Linda came to give council 2 proposals for the repair of manholes: Pemco International (\$89,700.00) and J.D. Reed (64,240.00). Jeff wanted to know if fixing these manhole covers would buy any time for fixing other things – Linda thought it should. A one inch rain will increase their ground water intake by about 100,000 gallons.

After much discussion, Steve made a motion to go with the low bid of J.D. Reed, seconded by Glenn and all agreed. Claims are to be paid by the auditor's office out of the Rainy Day Fund. Glenn recommended that the last payment not be made until Linda and the board is satisfied.

#3 Nancy Barker – AIC Meeting

Nancy came to ask for financial support from council for the AIC meeting that is to be held at Belterra in September. They are expecting about 800 people. Steve said he had received \$2,500.00 from the AIC, some from the EDC, and he has asked tourism for some financial support. The guest county normally gives a gift to all that attend the conference; Ohio County is also sponsoring the AIC meeting and giving gifts.

The AIC committee thought that maybe Switzerland County could give a bottle of wine to each attendee, since we have a local winery, at a cost of \$8.00 per bottle already boxed; a bicentennial bottle.

REGULAR MEETING – PAGE 2**Nancy Barker – AIC Meeting cont'd**

The place for the AIC meeting is bid out every time – so it is a really big deal for Switzerland County. Nancy and the committee are asking for \$3,200.00. Terry made a motion to approve up to \$5,000.00, or only what they would actually need after other donations, seconded by Tom and motion carried with 1 nay (Glenn).

#4 Martha Bladen & Anita Danner – Historical Society – Parking Lot

Anita and Martha came to ask for some financial support for the Historical Society.

Anita said that 3 years ago she came to council with the goal of raising \$200,000.00 and \$50,000.00 was committed by council. They have now raised the \$200,000.00 and have received a grant from the Jeffrey's Foundation.

They are asking for \$27,500.00 for a new parking lot at the Thiebold House, on SR 56 below Vevay. They already have part of the money for the total cost of \$85,000.00 from other resources. INDOT has already approved the plans and Glenn Gosnell is to do the excavation work.

Steve made a suggestion of approving \$11,000.00 if tourism would approve \$11,000.00. Glenn asked if they would still have enough money to build the parking lot if council did not contribute any funds – the answer was “no”. The riverboat revenue they receive goes toward operation as well as other expenses. They rely a lot on donations.

Steve made a motion to make a commitment to the Historical Society for \$11,000.00, a 50/50 split with tourism, which was seconded by Terry. The motion carried with the money to come from the Rainy Day Fund.

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#5 Additional Appropriation Ordinances

The following additional appropriation ordinance was approved on a motion by Jeff, seconded by Glenn and all agreed.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

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

COUNTY GENERAL FUND	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
<i>CIRCUIT COURT</i>		
400 CAPITAL OUTLAY		
4416 LAW BOOKS	\$ 435.00	_____
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$ 435.00	_____

The following additional appropriation ordinance was approved on a motion by Steve, seconded by Rachel and all agreed.

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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 appropriated and ordered set apart out of several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same:

GUARDIAN AD LITEM FUND	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
4301 CASA GRANT	\$ 536.85	_____
TOTAL GUARDIAN AD LITEM FUND	\$ 536.85	_____

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Additional Appropriation Ordinances cont'd

The following additional appropriation was approved on a motion by Glenn, seconded by Jeff and all agreed.

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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 appropriated and ordered set apart out of several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same:

COUNTY HEALTH FUND	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
400 CAPITAL OUTLAY		
4442 LOCAL PREPAREDNESS	\$30000.00	_____
TOTAL COUNTY HEALTH FUND	\$30000.00	_____

#6 Grants Creek Long-term Maintenance Plan

The council signed, after Mike read the document in its entirety, the Grants Creek long-term maintenance plan agreed to during mitigation proceedings. Glenn made the motion to sign which was seconded by Tom and all agreed. Steve asked if he should abstain, because the Vevay-Switzerland County Foundation – Mike is to ask Cody.

#7 Phone Company Review Committee

There is a volunteer phone company review committee being assembled and Gayle wanted to know if any of the council would want to attend a meeting with Jon Bond and CenturyLink concerning what the county thought was being purchased and what we actually received in the way of equipment and etc. Rachel was appointed by consensus to go.

#8 AIC Conference

The annual AIC conference is to be held in Switzerland County this year at Belterra on September 23rd through the 25th. Mike and Steve urged the other council members to at least go to the meeting within the conference that the state puts on for all council members.

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#9 Other Business

EMA Truck: Steve Lyons said the commissioners want to keep the truck for EMA and not give it to the animal shelter as someone had suggested. Steve said he thought the shelter did need a new vehicle(s); just not the EMA truck.

2014 Budget: Mike wants to know if the next budget meeting could be moved back to September 4th from August 28th, which was decided at an earlier meeting. The next meeting will be at 5:00 p.m. on the 4th of September, Wednesday.

There was some discussion about centralized supply purchasing.

Frank Cummings is to attend the next council meeting on the 11th.

The treasurer has pointed out to Gayle that since there was no money allotted for extra-clerical, if one of them was on vacation and the other one got sick or had an emergency they would have to close the office. Rachel said they would have to come back to council if a situation arose.

With no further business to come before council, Rachel made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tom and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Attest: _____
Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor
Switzerland County, Indiana