

**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: Mike Bear, Steve Crabtree, Terry Hall, Elizabeth Jones, Rachel Schuler, Glenn Scott, and John Gary Welch, the sheriff, Nathan Hughes, the council attorney, Cody Kendall, and the auditor, Gayle Rayles.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting of November 10<sup>th</sup> were approved as presented on a motion by Steve, seconded by Mike and all agreed.

**#1 Stacey Mathews - After Prom**

Jennifer Scudder came in Stacey's place to thank the council for last year's donation to the After Prom and to request assistance again this year in the amount of \$2,000.00. Terry made a motion to approve \$2,000.00 for After Prom, seconded by Rachel and all agreed.

**#2 Steve Jones-Ellard - Tourism Budget**

Mr. Jones-Ellard, president of the tourism board, came to give council information concerning their 2016 operating budget. By statute, Council has to give their approval on the tourism budget. He explained the differences between the 2015 and 2016 budgets and some of their ongoing projects.

Glenn asked who all is on the tourism board: Steve Jones-Ellard, Anita Danner, Larry Tolbert, Edsel Detraz, Sarah Wolfe, Michelle Thompson, Pam Haynes, and Cathy Williams.

After some discussion, Rachel made the motion to approve the 2016 tourism budget, seconded by Elizabeth and all agreed.

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**#3 Additional Appropriation Ordinances**

The following additional appropriation ordinances were approved on a motion by Mike, seconded by Steve and all agreed. (These were emailed to each councilmember prior to the meeting.)

**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:

<b>COUNTY GENERAL FUND (1000)</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>AMOUNT APPROVED</b>
<i>COMMISSIONERS</i>		
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
4312 TELEPHONE	\$14124.00	_____
<b>TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$14124.00</b>	_____

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<b>COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX FUND (1121)</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>AMOUNT APPROVED</b>
<i>SHERIFF</i>		
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		
4121 OVERTIME	\$10000.00	_____
<b>TOTAL COUNT OPTION INCOME TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$10000.00</b>	_____

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<b>COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX FUND (1121)</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>AMOUNT APPROVED</b>
<i>JAIL</i>		
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		
4119 OVERTIME	\$16000.00	_____
200 SUPPLIES		
4242 PRISONER MEALS	\$20000.00	_____
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
4341 EQUIP MAINTENANCE	\$ 8000.00	_____
400 CAPITAL OUTLAY		
4423 RADIO EQUIPMENT	\$ 1000.00	_____
<b>TOTAL COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$45000.00</b>	_____

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<i>EMA</i>		
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
4327 DIRECTV	\$ 90.18	_____
<b>TOTAL COUNTY OPTION INCOME TAX FUND</b>	<b>\$ 90.18</b>	_____

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<b>LOCAL HEALTH MAINTENANCE FUND (1168)</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>AMOUNT APPROVED</b>
200 SUPPLIES		
4211 CLINICAL SUPPLIES	\$ 2365.60	_____
<b>TOTAL LOCAL HEALTH MAINTENANCE FUND</b>	<b>\$ 2365.00</b>	_____

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<b>COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND (1176)</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>AMOUNT APPROVED</b>
4000 SUPPLIES		
4391 OTHER CURRENT CHARGES	\$ 13.25	_____
6000 GENERAL/UNDISTRIBUTED EXPENSES		
6223 TIRES & LUBE	\$ 178.00	_____
6364 REPAIR PARTS	\$ 541.47	_____
<b>TOTAL COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>\$ 732.72</b>	_____

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<b>WASTEWATER UTILITY OPERATOIN FUND (4003)</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>AMOUNT APPROVED</b>
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
4345 UTILITIES	\$ 360.00	_____
<b>TOTAL WASTEWATER UTILITY OPERATION FUND</b>	<b>\$ 360.00</b>	_____

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<b>BELTERRA FUND (4900)</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>AMOUNT APPROVED</b>
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		
4123 SHERIFF INCENTIVES	\$ 7865.00	_____
4160 EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	\$366924.34	_____
<b>TOTAL BELTERRA FUND</b>	<b>\$374789.34</b>	_____

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<b>COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER OPERATING FUND (4930)</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>AMOUNT APPROVED</b>
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
4345 UTILITIES	\$ 1300.00	_____
<b>TOTAL COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER OPERATING FUND</b>	<b>\$ 1300.00</b>	_____

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<b>COUNTY TECH/EDUCATION CENTER FUND (4945)</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>AMOUNT APPROVED</b>
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
4345 UTILITIES	\$ 1200.00	_____
<b>TOTAL COUNTY TECH/EDUCATION CENTER FUND</b>	<b>\$ 1200.00</b>	_____

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<b>NURSE MANAGED CLINIC FUND (4014)</b>	<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED</b>	<b>AMOUNT APPROVED</b>
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
4319 INDIGENT SERVICES		
DONATION	\$3000.00	_____
4352 SCF GRANT	\$2000.00	_____
<b>TOTAL NURSE MANAGED CLINIC FUND</b>	<b>\$5000.00</b>	_____

**#4 Transfer Ordinances**

The following transfer ordinances were approved on a motion by Elizabeth, seconded by John Gary and all agreed.

**TRANSFER ORDINANCE**

Pursuant to Auditor's Bulletin of July 1972, and also Public Law Number 54 of 1971, the County Council has the authority to transfer funds to different appropriations from one major classification to another within a department or office, at any regular public meeting.

ADULT PROBATION USERS FEES FUND	AMOUNT
200 SUPPLIES	
4212 REPAIR OF EQUIPMENT	<b>INCREASE</b> \$97.50
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES	
4384 CONFERENCE	<b>DECREASE</b> \$97.50

Adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015.

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<b>ADULT PROBATION USERS FEES FUND</b>			<b>AMOUNT</b>
200	SUPPLIES		
	4212 REPAIR OF EQUIP	<b>INCREASE</b>	\$292.50
300	OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
	4385 COMPUTER TRAINING	<b>DECREASE</b>	\$230.00
400	CAPITAL OUTLAY		
	4411 OFFICE EQUIPMENT	<b>DECREASE</b>	\$ 62.50

Adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015.

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<b>COUNTY GENERAL FUND</b>			<b>AMOUNT</b>
<i>COMMISSIONERS</i>			
200	SUPPLIES		
	4222 COPY SUPPLIES/PAPER	<b>INCREASE</b>	\$ 181.00
300	OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
	4349 UNEMPLOYMENT	<b>DECREASE</b>	\$ 181.00

Adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015.

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<b>COUNTY GENERAL FUND</b>			<b>AMOUNT</b>
<i>COURTHOUSE</i>			
200	SUPPLIES		
	4202 OPERATING SUPPLIES	<b>INCREASE</b>	\$1000.00
300	OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
	4345 UTILITIES	<b>DECREASE</b>	\$1000.00

Adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015.

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Transfer Ordinances cont'd

#5 Other Business

Month to review 2016 contributions: Gayle said she is getting questions from entities and she needs to know what month the reviews for contributions from casino funds will be going on so she can inform them. The consensus by council is to do the reviews at the January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

2016 SIRPC board appointment: Steve volunteered to serve on this board.

Sheriff's 2016 contract: The contract is the same as last year except for the salary change as per statute. Steve made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Rachel and all agree.

2016 Meeting dates: The meeting dates stayed on the seconded Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. Rachel made a motion to approve the meeting dates, seconded by Elizabeth and all agreed.

#6 Revised Salary Ordinance

The Revised Salary Ordinance was approved on a motion by Steve, seconded by John Gary, and all agreed.

**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 2016, FOR SWITZERLAND COUNTY, INDIANA:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF SWITZERLAND COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016, 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>NUMBER</u>	<u>RATE OF YEARLY COMPENSATION</u>	<u>RATE OF PAY PER CHECK</u>
SHERIFF	COIT	1	\$ 70,843.00	\$ 2,724.73

#7 2016 Spay/Neuter Program Funding

Gayle explained that this program is used quit extensively and Bruce wanted to make sure there would be funding for 2016 before he told people to come back in January. Normally this program runs out of funds in October/November. Steve made a motion to approve the \$10,000.00 for the spay/neuter program, seconded by Terry. After some discussion Glenn called for a vote; motion carried.

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**#8 Planning & Zoning Board Appointments**

Josh South had informed council that they need to have representation on the Planning and Zoning Board; this is by statute. A council member and one that they appoint are supposed to be on this board. Josh was not sure as to term length. Mike Bear volunteered to be on this board.

**#9 Eric Rabe - Store Support**

Mr. Rabe said he was there to answer any questions that may come up. Cody explained that council had agreed to give money for 2014 toward the loan. The county was asked to take the money from taxes and pay \$18,500.00 toward the loan. Cody asked Mr. Rabe if there is still a loan on the "property" where the store is located, Mr. Rabe replied "no". Cody asked when the loan was extinguished; Mr. Rabe thought maybe in 2014. His supplier gave him a low interest loan and he paid off the original loan. The initial loan forgiveness agreement was with a corporation called Subrosa LLC. Mr. Rabe sold Subrosa LLC to another person. Mr. Rabe is no longer associated with Subrosa LLC. Cody had concerns with regards to working with Economic Development. He would advise council that there is nothing to feasibly salvage from the original agreement because it was with a corporation Mr. Rabe is no longer associated with and the initial loan is also extinguished and the whole basis of the incentive package was a loan forgiveness. Now if council wants to give a grant then that is totally different but as for the purposes of loan forgiveness the circumstances are not feasible.

Jon Bond, of Economic Development, said this program was a small business lending program; not just for the grocery store. The terms for the loan forgiveness program were adopted in July 2012 by county council.

Mr. Rabe felt that since the ownership of the store has not changed he has not breached those terms. Cody does not agree.

Cody said the only way council could help at this point is via a grant or some type of economic incentive for 2015/2016.

Steve and Terry asked Jon Bond to get together with Cody and come up with a plan. Cody asked Jon if it could be done as a grant or some type of incentive; Jon said "yes". There are just certain rules that have to be followed with gaming revenue and grants.

Mike asked why the county is helping to fund a privately owned retail store. Steve said that was the vote back in 2012; to help Mr. Rabe out for 10 years.

Josh South, in the audience, said that at the time of the loan forgiveness vote he was on the Vevay Town Council and voted in favor of the program. The reason he did so was because Mr. Rabe said the building was in such bad shape; Josh would like to know what the money would be spent on now since the building has been repaired/redone and the building has been sold. Mr. Rabe said he has had to replace the roof, the dirt in the front, new side walk, all new frozen cases, all new deli and deli equipment, all new dairy equipment, 2 new compressors, etc. He said he has or will have spent over the 10 year amount. Josh asked, "Going



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Eric Rabe - Store Support cont'd

forward what would the grant or incentive go for". He would use it to help pay his current loan and future bills.

Terry said that Jon and Mr. Rabe need to get together to come up with a plan to go forward. Mr. Rabe asked if council would consider supporting the new plan. Jon said otherwise, if council is not in favor, then coming up with a plan would be a waste of time. The last amount was approximately \$14,000.00.

Jon said council could make a motion asking him to start the process. Terry asked if \$15,000.00 is a good amount to start with. Terry said his opinion would be to have Jon proceed with making a plan, Steve agreed, Mike said he would be against it and Elizabeth said she would not vote for it. Jon is to proceed.

With no further business to come before council, Steve made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:14 pm.

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Gayle A. Rayles, Auditor  
Switzerland County, Indiana