

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, Lisa Fisher, Andy Haskell, Elizabeth Jones, Rachel Schuler, Glenn Scott, and John Welch, and the auditor, Gayle Rayles.

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

The minutes of the previous meeting of February 8th were approved as presented on a motion by Rachel, seconded by Lisa and all agreed.

#1 Judge Greg Coy – Personnel

Greg came to council to inform them that Cheri Weales, probation intake clerk, is retiring and he is hiring Natalie Williams, as a juvenile probation officer with administrative duties. Greg said Cheri will really be missed after 30+ years of service to the county. Natalie will start May 1st and Cheri's last day will be May 26th for training purposes. Her salary will be \$53709.00 per year and Cheri's is \$33,381.00 annually which is about \$20,000.00 difference. Natalie will not need the county health insurance and he will transfer money into the general fund from probation user fees and from probation admin fees toward the end of the year. He has transferred money from these funds to the general fund in the past. He said the state has a grant program that could be applied for next year to help pay for a probation officer. He is asking for an amendment or revision to the salary ordinance for this position. There is a state statute that sets the rate of pay for probation officers. Elizabeth made a motion to revise the salary ordinance, seconded by Andy and all agreed.

#2 EMA Transfer Ordinance

The following transfer ordinance was approved as presented on a motion by Mike, seconded by Lisa 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.

COUNTY GENERAL FUND			AMOUNT
<i>EMA</i>			
100	PERSONAL SERVICES		
	4112 ADMIN ASSISTANT	DECREASE	\$3500.00
300	OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
	4321 VEHICLE SERVICE	INCREASE	\$ 500.00
	4324 PRINTING/ADVERTISING	INCREASE	\$1200.00
	4330 INSTRUCTOR CLASSES	INCREASE	\$1300.00
400	CAPITAL OUTLAY		
	4411 RADIO EQUIPMENT	INCREASE	\$ 500.00

Adopted this 8th day of March 2017.

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#3 Martha Bladen – Historical Society Update

Martha just came to explain to council where they spent the money they were given last year. She gave each council member a handbook. She also gave them a list of their events that are planned for 2017.

#4 Other Business

Quality of Life check: This is a check from the Community Foundation from an endowment in the amount of \$10,000.00 this year. After some discussion Elizabeth made a motion to keep the money instead of rolling it back into the endowment, seconded by Lisa and all agreed.

Revised Salary Ordinance: The following revised salary ordinance was approved, after some discussion, on a motion by Mike, seconded by John and all agreed. This was for the NMC and sheriff positions as the probation officer was approved earlier in the meeting.

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 2017, FOR SWITZERLAND COUNTY, INDIANA:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF SWITZERLAND COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2017, 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>
JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER	CIRCUIT	1	\$53,709.00	\$2,065.73
DEPUTY IV	SHERIFF	1	\$46,027.00	\$1,770.27
MEDICAL ASSISTANT	NMC	1	\$30,600.00	\$1,176.92

Tech Building Lease resolution: Gayle explained the resolution wording concerning the language about 2009 being included in this resolution. The 2009 bonds are not being included in this refinance process because the gaming revenues are being pledged to these bonds and the new bonds. This wording has to be in the resolution. If push came to shove and money was tight the county would have to pay on both bond issues proportionately with available casino revenue.

Angie Steno, with Crowe Horwath, explained the bonds are to both, (2009 and 2017), be paid with gaming revenue as Gayle said. The 2012 redevelopment bonds do not have a pledge of revenue. Council determines each year the source of revenue to pay them. Which in the past has been gaming revenues. But there is no formal pledge. That is why these are not included in the current resolution. Angie said the 2009 bonds currently have an outstanding balance of

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\$830,000.00 (principal), and the 2012 bonds have an outstanding balance of \$1,785,000.00. The 2009 bonds, at the Friendship Bank, mature in January 15, 2019. The 2012 bonds with MainSource Bank mature on January 15, 2022. The purpose of the new bond issue is to pay off the installment contract the county is paying on with Keystone for construction of the tech building.

The new bond issues would pay off the 2012 installment contract which matured in November but 2 extensions have been granted and the bullet payment is due in May. To keep the same payment structure, a 10-year payment plan is being considered. This is only to take care of the 2.4 million dollars; this is a one-time deal; not for future debt. The whole reason to go through the building corporation, is for the county not to exceed the debt limit set by state statute. A government entity can't use any property/assets as collateral; but any income can be used.

Glenn asked Wil Goering, county attorney, if he saw any problems with the ordinance. He said no, he has been through this process of creating a building corporation before. There is a state statute which currently says gaming revenue cannot be taken away when pledged for long-term debt. Lisa asked if there is a penalty for early payoff; this would be negotiated with the banks who are interested in the bonds and in their offers along with rates and terms.

Rich Hall, of Barnes and Thornburg, said that the building corporation would report to the commissioners but the commissioners want the council to also be involved in the repayment options decision. He said Angie will go to various banks to get the best rates and payment options and then come back to the commissioners and council for a decision. All the resolution does tonight is pledge to pay off the bonds.

Elizabeth asked Angie if the 2009 and 2012 bonds could be paid off early. She didn't have the paper work with her associated with those bonds. It would depend on whether or not the county would want to deplete their money resources.

This decision was tabled until the joint meeting to follow.

#5 Vicky Hinman – Vevay Main Street

Vicky came with more budget information for council to review. The total of the 3 different budgets for Vevay Main Street is approximately \$61,300.00. She has met with the Town of Vevay and they have given Vevay Main Street \$5,000.00 and told them to come back in July for possibly another \$5,000.00. Lisa made a motion to table this decision until the next meeting, seconded by Mike and all agreed.

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With no further business to come before council, Rachel made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Lisa and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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