

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 members: Elizabeth Jones, Lisa Fisher, Mike Bear, Andy Haskell, Glenn Scott, Rachel Schuler and auditor Gayle Rayles. John Gary Welch was absent.

President, Elizabeth Jones, opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the November 14, 2018 regular meeting were approved as presented on a motion by Andy; seconded by Mike and all agreed.

#1 Switzerland County Park Board - Step Repair:

Cheryl Furnish, Sandy Althoff, and Robert Findley were present to answer questions regarding the park board's request to carry forward a \$10,000.00 line item from their 2018 budget for step repairs at the Markland Park. They were planning to use the money in 2018, but due to permitting the repairs have not been completed.

Bob answered some questions asked at a previous meeting. The county owns the steps and is responsible for their upkeep. We also carry the liability insurance. They were originally paid for in the late 1980's with a dollar to dollar matching grant. In 1997 The park board got a grant with the Rising Sun Regional Foundation to replace them after the flood destroyed them. Bob suggested that, if the county is not going to repair them, the steps be removed because of the liability.

The council members agreed that the steps should be repaired. They said the cost can either be covered with an additional appropriation in January, or with casino revenue, which would not require an appropriation.

#2 Other Business:

- a) 2019 Meeting Dates: The 2019 meeting dates were approved on a motion by Andy, seconded by Mike and all agreed.
- b) Board Appointments: There was some discussion on the number of applicants for the board position that are open. The openings were advertised in the paper. The consensus was that not everyone reads the paper and it was suggested that the openings be posted on the county's web site and on Facebook. The appointments will be made at the January meeting after the new postings.
- c) Sheriff's Salary Agreement for 2019: Gayle explained that there are three ways the sheriff can be paid. New sheriff, Brian Morton's, salary will be determined the same way Nathan Hughes is paid, 50% of the prosecutor's salary. Glenn made a motion to approve the agreement; Lisa seconded the motion and all agreed.

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#2 Other Business (continued):

- a) Overview of Auditor’s meeting concerning Belterra: Elizabeth said that Gayle had a meeting with the units who will be effected by the tax dispute with Belterra. Gayle went over the details of what has been done thus far and where we stand currently. There was some discussion on the legal fees we’ve incurred and settlement options. The Assessor is the person who ultimately makes the decision to accept or decline any settlement plan.
- b) 2019 Casino Revenue Distributions for 2019: Elizabeth said that she was not prepared to make any decision at this meeting regarding the amount of casino revenue the various entities will receive in 2019. There was a discussion on the School Endowment’s ability to assist the schools in paying back the taxes and interest due to Belterra. Gayle said the Endowment cannot directly pay the taxes and interest. However they may give money to the school corp. to put back into the funds that were affected by the refund.

Council would like for representatives from each of the entities that receive the largest casino revenue distributions to attend the January meeting. Wilma Rosenberger, treasurer for the school corp., will be asked to attend and Glenn will be there for the Fire Chiefs Association.

- c) Additional Appropriations Ordinances: Gayle read the Additional Appropriation requests. All appropriations were approved on a motion by Andy seconded by Mike with all agreeing.

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 (1000)	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
<i>EMA (147)</i>		
200 SUPPLIES		
4215 FUEL/MILEAGE	\$ 300.00	_____
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
4315 COPIER LEASE	\$ 200.00	_____
4321 VEHICLE SERVICE	\$ 200.00	_____
4330 INSTRUCTOR EXPENSES	\$ 560.00	_____
4382 TRAINING MATERIALS	\$ 600.00	_____
400 CAPITAL OUTLAY		
4411 RADIO EQUIPMENT	\$ 500.00	_____
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$ 2360.00	_____

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LOCAL ROAD & STREET FUND (1169)	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
5000 MAINTENANCE/REPAIR		
5231 STONE & GRAVEL	\$28000.00	_____
TOTAL LOCAL ROAD & STREET FUND	\$28000.00	_____

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COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND (1176)	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
4000 PERSONAL SERVICES		
4301 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 8000.00	_____
5000 MAINTENANCE/REPAIR		
5232 CULVERTS	\$15000.00	_____
5371 RENTAL OF EQUIPMENT	\$12000.00	_____
TOTAL COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND	\$35000.00	_____

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#2 Other Business (continued):

- d) Transfer Ordinance: Gayle read the Transfer Ordinance request. Andy made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Glenn seconded the motion 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 (1000)	AMOUNT
<i>JAIL (132)</i>	
200 SUPPLIES	
4242 PRISONER MEALS	DECREASE \$12000.00
400 CAPITAL OUTLAY	
4425 JAIL EQUIPMENT	INCREASE \$12000.00

Adopted this 12th day of December 2018.

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COUNTY GENERAL FUND (1000)	AMOUNT
<i>PROSECUTOR (108)</i>	
200 SUPPLIES	
4211 OFFICE SUPPLIES	INCREASE \$17.59
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES	
4315 COPIER MAINTENANCE	DECREASE \$17.59

Adopted this 12th day of December 2018.

- e) Switzerland County Historian: Elizabeth said that Janet Hendricks will continue to be the county’s historian.
- f) Cell Tower: Lisa said there will be a meeting of the Zoning Commission on December 19th at 6:00 p.m. regarding the cell tower AT&T is proposing on State Road 56.
- g) Thank You: Elizabeth thanked John Gary, Glenn and Gayle for their years of service.
- h) Casino Revenue: Various questions were asked about the money in Casino Revenue and commitments. Gayle said that the matching funds for the EERSD Grant (approximately \$750,000.00) had already been transferred out of the Rainy Day funds.

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#2 Other Business (continued):

There being no further business to come before council, Andy made a motion to adjourn; Glenn seconded and all agreed. The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

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