

REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY AT 5:30 P.M.

The Switzerland County Council met in regular session pursuant to law and by being duly advertised.

Those present: council: Mike Bear, Todd Chase, Lance Collier, Andy Haskell, Elizabeth Jones, Lisa Fisher and Rachel Schuler, council attorney, Wil Goering; and auditor, Carolyn J. Green.

The meeting was called to order by Elizabeth with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing for the 2020 Budget

Elizabeth asked for public comments prior to the public meeting on the 2020 Budget.

Kelly Gabbard appeared to ask council if the money raised by fund raising can be used for the part-time salary position.

A motion to close the public hearing was made by Lisa, seconded by Mike and the motion passed.

The public hearing portion of the meeting was closed and the regular meeting convened.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting of August 14, 2019 were approved as presented on a motion by Rachel, seconded by Lisa and the motion passed.

#1 Jacqu Clements – AIC – 2020 Budget

Jacque presented the status of the 2020 Budget to date. We need to reduce expenditures in 2019 and 2020 by \$530,000.00. This must be done by the October 9th regular meeting.

There was discussion about the elected officials/department heads possibly giving back money from there 2019 budget to help meet the necessary budget numbers. There was also discussion about looking at the 2020 budget numbers to see if any of them could be cut back. There was also some discussion about flat raise amounts versus giving a percentage raise.

#2 Additional Appropriation Ordinances

Rachel read the additional appropriation ordinances as follows:

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>JAIL</i>		
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
4345 UTILITIES	\$463.01	_____
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$463.01	_____

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Additional Appropriation Ordinances cont'd

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SWITZ. CO. EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND (1151)	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
200 SUPPLIES		
4201 UNIT OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$272.91	_____
TOTAL SWITZ. CO. EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND	\$272.31	_____

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COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND (1176)	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
4000 PERSONAL SERVICES		
4301 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$120,000.00	_____
5000 MAINTENANCE/REPAIR		
5242 CEMENT/CONCRETE	\$ 10,000.00	_____
TOTAL COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND	\$130,000.00	_____

The additional appropriation for the jail was approved on a motion by Lisa, seconded by Lance and all agreed.

The additional appropriation for the SCER was approved on a motion by Andy, seconded by Lance and all agreed.

The additional appropriation for the highway department was tabled until further information was received on a motion by Lisa, seconded by Lance and all agreed.

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#3 Transfer Ordinance

The following transfer ordinance was approved on a motion by Lance, seconded by Rachel 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
EMA (147)	
200 SUPPLIES	
4211 OFFICE SUPPLIES INCREASE	\$225.00
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES	
4330 INSTRUCTOR EXPENSES DECREASE	\$225.00

Adopted this 11th day of September 2019.

#4 Board Appointment Ads

Elizabeth would like to have Bruce advertise for board appointments now instead of at the end of the year. The boards are: Economic Redevelopment – 2 positions, School Endowment – 1 position, and the Park Board – 1 position. They would be advertised in the September 19th & 26th and then vote on the positions at the Oct 9th meeting. Lisa made the motion to advertise these positions early, seconded by Mike and all agreed. Bruce will handle the advertising.

#5 Highway Department Additional Appropriation

After some discussion, the motion to remove from vote, the “table” of the highway request for an additional appropriation was made by Andy, seconded by Todd and the motion passed. Lisa made the motion to approve the \$130,000.00 the highway department requested provided the funds are coming from their own unappropriated funds, seconded by Rachel and the motion carried.

A special meeting is to be scheduled for September 25th at 5:00 p.m. for the sole purpose of working on the 2020 budget.

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With no further business to come before council, Lisa made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Attest: _____
Carolyn J. Green, Auditor
Switzerland County, Indiana