

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, Todd Chase, Lance Collier, Andy Haskell, Lisa Fisher and Rachel Schuler, and county auditor, Carolyn Green.

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

The minutes of the previous regular meeting of July 8th were approved as presented on a motion by Andy; seconded by Rachel and the motion carried.

#1 Reorganization

Rachel made a motion to nominate Lance for Vice-President; seconded by Todd, and the motion carried unanimously.

#2 Shannon Phipps – Pleasant Township Trustee – Budget Public Hearing

Shannon appeared to present a letter to serve as a petition to the county fiscal body to allow Pleasant Township to increase its budget and levies for the 2021 budget year. Three members of their board are ineligible to vote on the budget. This petition must be acted on by November 1, 2020. Lance made a motion to close the public hearing on the Pleasant Township Budget Public Hearing; seconded by Todd and the motion carried unanimously.

#3 Jacque Clements – AIC – 2021 Budget

Jacque informed the council that there are levy and circuit breaker losses. The advanced distribution of property tax revenue of May 12th thru July 10th was discussed.

Since the casino revenue is anticipated to be 1/3 of normal, the council should prepare a 2-year budget plan.

A Public Safety Tax was discussed. The county currently has a 1% income tax. By increasing this tax by a quarter percent (to 1.25%) a Public Safety LIT Fund can be established.

#4 New Business

1. Library letter signature: The library board sent a letter requiring the council president's signature concerning board appointments.

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#5 Additional Appropriation Ordinances

The following additional appropriation ordinances were approved with a motion by Rachel, seconded by Lance 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 (1000)	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
<i>JAIL</i>		
200 SUPPLIES		
4202 PRISONER MEALS	\$ 166.23	_____
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$ 166.23	_____

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COUNTY GENERAL FUND (1000)	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
<i>CIRCUIT COURT</i>		
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
43050 COMP PAUPER ATTY	# 2243.50	_____
TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND	\$ 2243.50	_____

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Additional Appropriation Ordinances cont'd

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COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND (1176)	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
4000 PERSONAL SERVICES		
4301 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$80000.00	_____
TOTAL COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND	\$80000.00	_____

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GUARDIAN AD LITEM FUND (1213)	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED
300 OTHER SERVICES/CHARGES		
4301 CASA GRANT	\$ 6306.00	_____
TOTAL GUARDIAN AD LITEM FUND	\$ 6306.00	_____

#5 Other New Business

- A. Covid-19 funds: The \$100,000.00 to the Health Department should have been a temporary loan as an adjustment to the Covid-19 Fund.
- B. Distributions: Lance made a motion to unfreeze the April and July distributions; seconded by Rachel for discussion. Following the discussion, Lisa called for a vote and the motion carried unanimously.
- C. Library board: Rachel made a motion to allow the library board to appoint their own board members; seconded by Andy and the motion carried unanimously.

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Other New Business cont'd

- D. Virtual AIC Conference: Jacque advised the county to register for the AIC Conference. The \$300.00 fee is for all county employees who wish to attend and it can be paid from the County Elected Official's Fund.

With no further business to come before the council, Andy made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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