

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, Matt Dutkiewicz, Lisa Fisher, Andy Haskell, and Randy Leap and county auditor, Carolyn Green.

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

#1 2021 Reorganization

Andy nominated Lance for president, seconded by Todd and the motion carried. Mike nominated Lisa for vice-president, seconded by Andy and the motion carried.

#2 Approval of Minutes

Lisa made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 9, 2021 as presented, seconded by Andy and the motion carried. Randy abstained since he was not in attendance at the last meeting.

#3 Jamie Peters – Commissioners' Assistant Position

Jamie appeared on behalf of the county commissioners to request the position be filled. This was previously held by Bruce Williams. They would like to make this a full-time position instead of part-time. The assistant would report to both the commissioners and the council. The assistant's duties would include, but not be limited to, overseeing the agenda, reviewing county contracts and competitive contracts, reviewing contracts for copiers, elevators, etc., apply for grants, tracking and maintaining board appointments including the applicants political affiliations, etc. Jamie will have a job description prepared with the new name of the position.

#4 Bridge #23 – Log Lick

The county was awarded a \$1.2 million grant through the Community Crossings Matching Grant program in 2020. The county's match is \$300,000.00 and the commissioners are requesting council's help with \$100,000.00 of the matching funds. (Check minutes to see if previously approved). Council approved \$100,000.00 to come from Casino Revenue.

Jamie also requested council to help with 2021 Community Crossings Matching grants for Replacement of Bridge #20 on Scott's Ridge Road, resurfacing Tapps Ridge Road, and resurfacing Log Lick road – total grants applied for were \$1,157,149.00. The county's 25% match would be \$289,287.25. Matt made a motion to approve up to \$200,000.00 for the Bridge #20 project, seconded by Lisa and the motion carried.

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#5 JACQUE CLEMENTS – AIC – PUBLIC SAFETY TAX

Jacque presented an agreement to loan funds, an Interlocal Loan Agreement, for up to \$200,000.00 from Fund 1191 Casino Fund into 1170 Public Safety Tax to be repaid by the end of the year. Lisa made a motion to approve the Interlocal Loan Agreement seconded by Andy and the motion carried.

#6 Old Business

- 1) **S.C. Redevelopment Board appointments:** These are 1-year appointments. The current board members appointed by council are:
Joey Rider, Sarah Brichto
Lisa made a motion to reappoint Sarah Brichto, seconded by Matt and the motion carried. Andy made a motion to reappoint Joey Rider, seconded by Todd and the motion carried.
- 2) **SISWD Board appointment:** Andy made a motion to appoint Lance to the Solid Waste Board, seconded by Lisa and the motion carried.
- 3) **EMA Board appointment:** Randy made a motion to appoint Lisa to the EMA Board, seconded by Todd and the motion carried.
- 4) **School Endowment Board appointment:** Andy made a motion to accept the resignation of Jim Phipps from the School Endowment Board, seconded by Lisa and the motion carried. This position for the School Endowment Board will be advertised. (This is the vacancy that has to be filled from someone from the public.) Lisa made a motion to appoint Andy to the School Endowment Board, seconded by Todd and the motion carried.
- 5) **SIRPC Board appointment:** Lisa is currently on this board. Lisa made a motion to appoint Todd to this board, seconded by Randy and the motion carried.
- 6) **Fire Chiefs' Association Board appointment:** Lisa made a motion to appoint Randy to this board, seconded by Mike and the motion carried.
- 7) **Library Board:** No appointment necessary at this time.
- 8) **County Facebook page:** The Facebook Page needs to be updated at the end of every meeting.

#7 Board reports

After some discussion it was decided to have board reports at the end of each meeting. These are the boards that the council members personally sit on.

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#7 Jon Bond - Casino Revenue Update

Jon Bond presented the projected numbers based on a 90 day trend. The projection is down 19%.

With nothing further to come before council, Andy made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Randy and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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