

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: Lance Collier, Mat, Dutkiewicz, Lisa Fisher, Andy Haskell, Steve Jones-Ellard, and Randy Leap, and the county administrator, Susie Swank. Councilman, Todd Chase, and the auditor, Carolyn Green, were absent.

Lance opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting of July 14th, were approved with the following changes on a motion by Lisa, seconded by Randy and the motion carried:

1. Remove the \$10.00 fee in section #1.
2. On the vote for the Swiss Wine Festival request by Joe Parham, it should reflect a result of 5 ayes and 2 nays, with Andy and Lance voting no.

#1 Shannon Jackson – Florence Regional Sewer District (FRSD)- Funding Request

Shannon Jackson, Vickie Hinman, and Steve Lyons came on behalf of the FRSD to inform the council of their upcoming improvement plan and to request funding assistance.

Shannon had the engineering report from Midwestern Engineering which Susie will send to the council members. The total cost will be \$1,925,000.00 and will include construction costs, permitting, admin costs, etc. They have applied for a grant with an award date of August 27, 2021. The district is asking for help with the 25% matching amount of \$381,250.00. This is not the total 25% amount as they are asking other entities for assistance.

They would like to come back to a meeting after August 27, 2021, to discuss this further. The total project amount is \$1,925,000.00.

#2 Sheriff Brian Morton – 2022 Budget

Brian came to answer any questions the council may have prior to the 2022 budget meetings tomorrow. He basically did not raise his budget from the 2021 figures.

#3 Jacque Clements – 2022 Budget

Jacque was in attendance by telephone. She explained the levy numbers and that the county is showing a 4.3% growth or about \$110,000.00. The General Fund budget is currently \$150,000.00 over levy which is ok to advertised.

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Jacque Clements – 2022 Budget cont'd

After a lengthy discussion Lisa made a motion which was seconded by Matt for the following casino amounts to be moved to:

County General	=	\$ 295,000.00
SCER	=	\$ 400,000.00
MBSD	=	\$ 25,000.00
Tech Bldg.	=	\$ 50,000.00
EE Benefits	=	\$2,550,000.00

The motion passed unanimously.

#4 New Business

1. Non-binding unit levies: Andy made a motion to approve the non-binding levies, seconded by Lisa and all agreed.
2. Debt payoff: The total amount owed is \$1,434,000.00 which included the \$276,000.00 on c.d. The amount to pay is \$1,158,000.00 out of the bond reserve. After a bit of discussion Mat made a motion to pay off the debt, seconded by Lisa, and all agreed.

#5 Board Reports

Fire Chiefs Association: Randy

EMA: Lisa

With no further business to come before council, Andy made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Lisa and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Attest: _____

Carolyn J. Green, Auditor
Switzerland County, Indiana