

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: Lance Collier, Todd Chase, Mat Dutkiewicz, Lisa Fisher, Andy Haskell, Steve Jones-Ellard, and Randy Leap, the county administrator, Susie Swank, and the county auditor, Yvette Emmich.

Lance called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the previous regular meeting of December 8, 2021, were approved as presented on a motion by Lisa, Randy Leap seconded and the motion carried.

#1 2022 Re-Organization

Lance opened the floor for nominations for Council President. Matt nominated Steve for President and Lisa seconded the motion, no other nominations were made and it was a unanimous vote “yea” for Steve Jones-Ellard to take over as President for the County Council 2022. Steve opened the floor for nominations for Vice President. Two nominations were made: Andy nominated Lance and Matt nominated Lisa. Lance declined the nomination and no other nominations were made. It was voted and was unanimous vote “yea” for Lisa Fisher to become Vice President for the County Council 2022.

#2 Casino Revenue Distribution – review percentages

Yvette asked Gayle Rayles to attend the meeting and update the Council on the Casino Revenue. We made a suggestion to hold any distributions at this time until it could be reviewed in more detail. Line items were also discussed for clarity. Jon Bond also gave information on the outlook for the casino revenue for 2022. After much discussion, Lisa made a motion to leave the percentages the same as last year and Lance seconded the motion, a vote was made, all in favor “yea”, unanimous vote. Regarding the cap, Lance made a motion to leave the cap at 8 million and anything over that amount the county would retain, Andy seconded this motion. It was voted: 2 “yea” and 5 “nay”, motion failed. Lisa made a motion to keep the cap at 6 million with letters to be sent out as such. Randy seconded the motion, without further discussion, vote was 5 “yea” and 2 “nay”, motion was carried.

#3 New Business

- a. *2022 health care benefits recap letter – clarification – Steve is good with how the letter is written and it can be dispersed to employees at this time.*

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#4 Old Business

- A) Public defender Healthcare meeting with the Court
- B) Belterra Appeal with Assessors Office
- C) Funding requests from non-profits

#5 Board Reports

The following board reports were given by the council members:

- Fire Chief Association
- EMA
- School Endowment

With no further Business to come before council, Steve made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Randy. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Attest: _____
H. Yvette Emmich, Auditor
Switzerland County, Indiana

