

SWITZERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
JANUARY 7, 2026

REGULAR MEETING –WEDNESDAY AT 5:00 P.M.

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

Those present: County Council: Carrie Barwick, Kim Janssen, Lance Collier, Mat Dutkiewicz, Todd Chase, Patti Kappes and Scott Crandell. County Auditor, Gayle Sullivan. Jefferson Kisor, County Attorney.

Lance Collier called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of minutes from the December 9, 2025 meeting. Carrie made a motion to approve and Todd second. All in favor.

Old Business

New Business

Board Reorganization-Patti made a motion to nominate Scott for president with a second by Carrie. Mat made a motion for Kim to be president which she declined. All in favor. Todd made a motion to nominate Mat which he declined for the fact to have a newer member. Mat nominated Carrie and Todd second. All in favor.

Grant application for YMCA-Kim asked the question about the usage of the money. Brett Howard spoke as the YMCA president as well. Discussion was had about the contract and to have some clarity on what is and isn't allowed for the money usage. Jefferson spoke about the contract and the language and there has been a revision of the contract. Lance made a motion to approve the request of \$30,000.00 to the YMCA. Carrie second. Yay-Patti, Carrie, Todd, Lance and Scott. Nay-Mat and Kim. Motion passed.

Highway Dept .60 hourly wage increase-Kim made a motion to approve the .60 wage increase and Mat second. All in favor.

School Board Endowment-Kim made a motion to approve Wilma Rosenberger and Carrie second. All in favor.

Lance made a motion to approve Scott as the Council representative for Fire Chief Association. Kim made a motion to have all council remain on the same board as last year. Todd second. All in favor.

2026 County Council meeting dates-Lance made a motion to approve the meeting dates for 2026 and Kim second. All in favor.

Switzerland County Library board-Carrie made a motion to reappointment of Michelle Hicks and Diane Sigmon. Todd second. All in favor.

Board Reports

Lance-none

Mat-none

Patti-none

Todd-none

Kim-none

Scott-none

Carrie-none

Mat brought up the employees signing a new agreement for the handbook because of changes that were made in 2025 and the possibility of the is verbiage on the salary ordinance. Mat also brought up SB1 and the wheel tax that the county will need to have in place. Discussion was had about things that will need to get going before the new budgets of 2027. With no further business to come before council, Lance made a motion to adjourn, second by Kim. All in favor. Meeting ended @ 5:27pm.

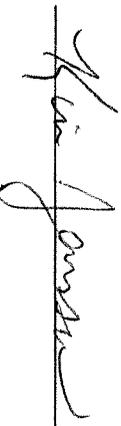












Attest:

Gayle Sullivan, Auditor
Switzerland County, Indiana