

SWITZERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 11, 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: Carrie Barwick, Patti Kappes, Todd Chase, Kim Janssen, Lance Collier and Scott Crandell. County Payroll Deputy, Tina Minch. Mat Dutkiewicz-absent

Scott Crandell called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of the minutes from the January 7th meeting. Todd made a motion to approve and Kim second. All in favor.

Budget encumbrances-Highway for \$10,000.00, NMC for \$1,426.75, Park for \$2,000.00 and Clerk for \$1,406.30. Kim made a motion to approve and Carrie second. All in favor.

Resolution for council to adopt Robert's Rules of Order. Carrie made a motion to approve and Patti second. All in favor.

Signing of 2026 Council meeting dates and signing of previously adopted updated 2026 salary ordinance.

Clerk's office appropriation for new printer. Discussion was had about the printer. Tabled until we know what to appropriate.

PTABOA board member approval. Lance made a motion to approve Jim Wingate for the PTABOA board and Todd second. All in favor.

Paige with Baker-Tilley presentation on Cumulative Capital Development fund. Discussion was had about SEA1 and the reduction of property tax revenue for the county. Discussion was had amongst the council and Paige about increasing the Cumm Cap rate. There was more discussion about rates that could be changed through the county. Scott made a motion to have Baker Tilly update the county's fiscal sustainability plan. Lance second. All in favor. Lance made a motion to change the CCD rate .333% pending Commissioner's approval. Carrie second. All in favor. Lance spoke about different items that are currently in the general fund that could possibly be moved to the Cumm Cap.

Sheriff Brian Morton spoke about the opportunity to have income with Ohio county through the jail system. The possibility of income could be approximately \$250,000.00. He asked that for him to be able to use some to give his employees a raise. Communication and jail; those salaries were not that much to get them up to par would be around 4% and deputies would be a dollar amount. Out of the \$250,000.00 annual income he would need \$136,000.00 to give the raises to everyone to get them with local surrounding counties. In 2025 DOC was billed \$130,000.00-\$135,000.00. The MOU could start as early as tomorrow and would be between Brian and Ohio county sheriff. Scott made a motion to increase the salary ordinance up to \$140,000.00 for the sheriff, communication and jail departments salaries pending MOU with Ohio county with the total amount being \$250,000.00 and the balance of that going into the general fund.

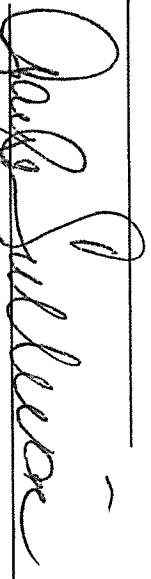
Board Reports

Kim-next week

Todd-basically spoke about the same as Baker Tilly
Scott-none
Carrie-none
Patti-quarterly
Lance-School endowment met spoke about investments and reorganization

With nothing further business to come before the board, Kim made a motion to adjourn, second by Patti. All in favor. Meeting ended @ 6:01 pm.

Attest:


Gayle Sullivan, Auditor
Switzerland County, Indiana

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James M. Cole



Carrie A. Barwick



