

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 7, 2025

REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY AT 5:00 P.M.

The Switzerland County Board of Commissioners met in regular session pursuant to law and by being duly advertised.

Those present – Commissioners: Jamie Peters, Ryan Harrison and Joe Bennett, auditor: Gayle Sullivan County Attorney Garrett Bascom.

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

Approval of minutes from June 23 2025 regular meeting. Jamie made a motion and Joe second. All in favor

Approval of claims. Joe made a motion to approve claims as presented and Jamie made a second. All in favor.

Hwy Superintendent-Dusty Hunt

- Mowing roadsides
- Mechanic still working on set up of the ambulance parts
- Mechanic working on the broom & various breakdowns
- Patching potholes, cleaning culverts & cutting trees back
- Made repairs on Long Run with concrete blocks & rip rap
- Removed large tree that fell on Upper Dry Fork
- Cleaned up several down trees from 6/18 storms
- Hauling/spreading gravel on roads
- Put in new culvert on Hominy Ridge
- Spraying-vegetation control in all districts
- Replace road sign on Highline Road
- Replace stop sign and children playing signs on Kennett Road
- Replace stop sign on Levi Bliss Road(barricades, barrels and signs have been recovered and waiting to hear on charges)
- Berming Scotts Ridge, Little Hominy, Log Lick, Antioch and North Branch in District 2
- Working on slip repairs on Adkinson Hill, Pendelton Run and Bear Creek
- Fixing washout on Mennett's Hollows
- Evans Hill-we had a semi get stuck on the hill that done \$14,500 in damages to the blacktop, culverts and ditches we have been in contact with his insurance about the repairs they are sending us a check for damages
- Working on a hole in Jackson Road due to a damaged culvert which will be replaced on 7/7/25
- Used the drag and the grader to level the parking lot at the Tech Bldg/Fairgrounds
- Mary Ann Drive speed bumps-petition must be signed by other property owners; engineers sign off to make sure appropriate for area
- 250/Antioch blind spot-state road and was asking about a cautionary light. Garrett will reach out to state.
- Permit-

Old Business

- a. Norton-contract was signed today 7/7/25

New Business

- a. John Kniola-6/19 toured all three parks. Two broken windows in the concession building and will be covered with plywood. TV cameras are still not working. Patriot RV Park opened for more than 6 weeks. Picked up trash. Hwy put up a sign near Bryant's Creek. Zoning-house that had burnt 2 years ago has finally been leveled in Vevay. June 19th 80+ non-operable vehicle and 2 houses in Patriot have been demolished.
- b. Heather Rieman-was not present. Tabled quote from Vevay Handyman. Joe made a motion to approve the hiring of a PT position for the animal shelter and Jamie made a second. All in favor. Jamie made a motion to take the payment for EDI in the amount of \$6304.00 from the Rainy-Day fund and Joe second. All in favor.
- c. Herschel Brichto/Brian McAlister-Planning and Zoning- Herschel spoke about the need for updating of the county ordinances. It has been 30 years and it is normally around 10. Cost could reach up to \$300,000.00. There could also be grants available to the county. Discussion was also had about Mark Archer adding it to his budget for the cost.
- d. Sarah Brichto-CAC-discussion was had about the CAC and the need in Switzerland county along with other counties. Joe made a motion to approve the ask of \$6,000/00 and Ryan second. All in favor.
- e. Coroner's Office-Dodge Durango is done. SCER loaned Joe an ambulance for the coroner's use. Commissioners have no problem with the coroner using this until a price is got for repairs.
- f. Dusty-loader for highway garage-he would like to push the loader purchase until next year and go ahead and purchase a longarm for the garage. Commissioners were ok with purchase.

Board Reports

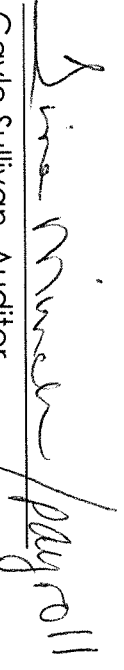
Jamie-none
Joe-none
Ryan-none

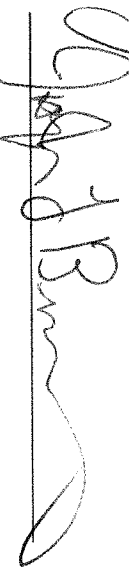
Discussion was had about the possibility of changing the distribution of casino revenue to the other counties.

With no further business to come before the board, Ryan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.



Attest:


Gayle Sullivan, Auditor
Switzerland County, Indiana



SWITZERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL July 9, 2025

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, Kim Janssen, Todd Chase, Scott Crandell and Mat Dutkiewicz. County Auditor, Gayle Sullivan. County Attorney, Garrett Bascom. Lance Collier and Patti Kappes was absent.

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

Approval of the minutes from the June 11, 2025 regular meeting. Todd made a motion to approve and Scott second. All in favor.

Old Business

New Business





- a. **Jon Bond**-spoke about the casino revenue. Final numbers should be in by Friday. Mat made a recommendation to not make any payouts until we know the numbers. Gayle spoke about the Quality-of-Life fund #9129 and spoke about the possibility of giving from that fund.
- b. **Commissioner approved NGO**-discussion was had about the #9129 fund and the correct use of the fund. Kim made a motion to approve a distribution of \$25,000.00 to the Switzerland County 4-H and Scott made a second. All in favor. Sarah Brichto was present for the CAC and spoke on their behalf. Carrie made a motion to approve the distribution of \$6000.00 to the CAC and Mat made a second. All in favor.
- c. **Ryan Harrison**-discussed about the new AC unit that was needed out at the Animal Shelter. Since this was an unplanned expense Ryan asked that it be paid out of the Rainy-Day fund. Carrie made a motion to approve the bill to be paid from the Rainy-Day Fund. Scott second. All in favor.
- d. **Funding for Moorefield Bennington/Tech Building**- discussion was had about the two funds not being funded last year. Kim made a motion to pay the \$4239.26 bill for equipment for the Moorefield Bennington Sewer from the general fund and Todd second. All in favor
- e. **Tourism-Mark Schutte, Brandi Scudder and Jeremy Harsin**-increase innkeeper's tax. Brandi and Jeremy were not present. Discussion was had about what needs to be done and the need of a meeting with town and county council, commissioners and tourism.
- f. **Update on meeting recording/County website**-Carrie has been working on the recordings and has them moved to the YouTube channel.
- g. **Dr Findley**-spoke about the NGO process. He also spoke about the casino revenue last year and what happened to the distributions. Discussion was had about the casino revenue and the distributions.


Board Reports

Patti-absent
Carrie-none
Mat-none
Scott- none
Lance-absent
Kim-none
Todd-none

Adjournment

With no further business to come before council, Todd made a motion to adjourn,
second by Carrie. Meeting ended @ 6:08.





Carrie J. Barwick

Attest: 
Gayle Sullivan, Auditor
Switzerland County, Indiana

SWITZERLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

EXECUTIVE SESSION MEMORANDUM FOR MINUTES

PURSUANT TO I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1

An Executive Session was held on July 21, 2025

• The following topics were discussed: (Mark each section that applies)

✓ (1) Were authorized by federal or state statute.

(2)(B) Initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing. As used in this clause, "litigation" includes any judicial action or administrative law proceeding under federal or state law.

(2)(c) The implementation of EMS agency analysis.

____(2)(D) The purchase or lease of real property by the governing body up to the time a contract or option to purchase or lease is executed by the parties.

____(4) Interviews and negotiations with industrial or commercial prospects or agents of industrial or commercial prospects.

(H) A governing body of a political subdivision

(5) To receive information about and interview prospective employees.

(6) With respect to any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction: _____

(A) to receive information concerning the individual's alleged misconduct; and

(B) to discuss, before a determination, the individual's status as an employee,

(7) For discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute.

____(9) To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees.

(10) When considering the appointment of a public official, to do the following:

(A) Develop a list of prospective appointees.

(B) Consider applications.

(c) Make one (1) initial exclusion of prospective appointees from further consideration.

____(13) To discuss information intended to prevent, mitigate, or respond to the threat of terrorism.

This certifies that that no subject matter was discussed in the executive session other than the subject matter specified in the public notice.

Switzerland County Commissioner:

BY:

ATTEST

Switzerland Co. Auditor

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 21, 2025

REGULAR MEETING – MONDAY AT 5:00 P.M.

The Switzerland County Board of Commissioners met in regular session pursuant to law and by being duly advertised.

Those present – Commissioners: Ryan Harrison and Joe Bennett, auditor: Gayle Sullivan-absent, Tina Minch; County Attorney Garrett Bascom. Jamie Peters was absent.

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

Approval of minutes from July 7 2025 regular meeting. Joe made a motion and Ryan second. All in favor

Approval of claims. Ryan made a motion to approve claims as presented and Joe made a second. All in favor. Joe is not in favor of supporting the lobbyist.

Hwy Superintendent-Dusty Hunt

- Truck #19-repairs completed & picked up from Mainland
- Truck #19-at Big Rig for transmission issues
- Mowing roadsides & spraying vegetation control
- Patching potholes, cleaning culverts & cutting trees back
- Berming Turner, Evans Hill and Little Hominy
- Replace stop sign on Aaron Road at 250
- Put new road signs up on Long Run, Quercus Grove & McCreary's Ridge
- Replace the damaged culvert on Jackson Rd
- Prepping equipment for chip & seal work
- Install culverts on Lost Fork
- Millings for Town of Vevay-Commissioners have no problem with this
- We received the money from the insurance to fix Evans Hill from the semi damage
- Going to order paint for the line striper
- Ordinance 12-20-21-States the President, Ryan Harrison of the Switzerland County Commissioners has authority to execute any INDOT agreements and all documents related to any INDOT Grant Program on behalf of the County of Switzerland beginning January 1, 2025. Joe made a motion to approve and Ryan second. All in favor.
- Waiting on River Road to open to get cinders
- Carol Turner Road-tabled
- Tim Hensley-Red Hog Pike-speed limit lowered-discussion with legal counsel if the county can lower it. Hopefully have information by next Commissioner meeting.

Old Business

- a. Heather-water heater-tabled
- b. Coroner-Dodge Durango-tabled

New Business

- a. Josh Archer-request for 4-H and submitted a request for \$46,000.00. Joe made a motion to approve and Ryan second. All in favor. Discussion was had about the contract that is made between the county and the 4-H.
- b. Karin-backfill position. Ryan made a motion to approve and Joe second. All in favor.
- c. Everbridge contract-tabled asked that Tom Moore come as next meeting
- d. Budget contract- Baker Tilley has already been signed. Need to have council approve appropriation for payment.
- e. VSO-new copier-two quotes from The Office Shop. Ryan made a motion to approve the copier for \$599.00 to be paid from the commissioner's casino fund and Joe made a second. All in favor.
- f. Dusty-loader for highway garage-he would like to push the loader purchase until next year and go ahead and purchase a longarm for the garage. Commissioners were ok with purchase.


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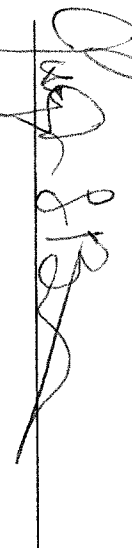
Jamie-absent
Joe-none
Ryan-Safe Passage board

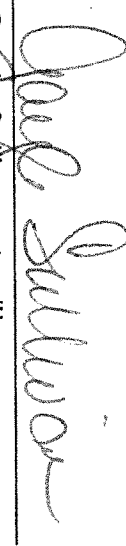
Discussion was had about the courthouse hours. Possible meeting in September/October has a meeting with the elected official to discuss the offices and hours.

Budgets for county offices. Joe spoke about potential raises and what have you. Ryan made a motion to except budgets as stand. Joe second. All in favor.

With no further business to come before the board, Ryan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joe. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.





Attest: 

Gayle Sullivan, Auditor
Switzerland County, Indiana
