

SWITZERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 10, 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: County Council: Carrie Barwick, Kim Janssen, Lance Collier, Mat Dutkiewicz, Todd Chase, Patti Kappes and Scott Crandell. County Auditor, Gayle Sullivan.

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

Approval of minutes from the August 13, 2025 regular meeting. Scott made a motion to approve and Carrie second. All in favor.

Approval of minutes from the September 2, 2025 special meeting. Carrie made a motion to approve and Scott second. All in favor. Kim and Lance abstain.

Lance opened the public hearing for the advertising of the county budget. \$11,970,799.00 was advertised with no questions Todd made a motion to close meeting and Carrie second. All in favor.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**Health Dept Budget**-Lance spoke about the changes that the department had done. Mat asked about what cuts had been done and asked for Kathy to come up and answer questions. Discussion was had about what cuts had been made. Doc Findley also spoke about the changes.

**Update Salary Ordinance** (clerk's office job title)-Carrie made a motion to approve and Kim second. All in favor.

**Treasurer's office** (Investment policy)-This will allow the county to go outside of the county for investments. Patti made a motion to approve and Scott second. All in favor.

**Inkeeper's Tax** (Mark Schutte)-discussion was had about the possibility of raising the Inkeeper's tax from 5% to 8%. Garrett spoke about the changes that would be made if the council were to vote to increase the tax. Discussion was had about the fact that campgrounds do not have this tax as of right now. Tabled.

Lance-meeting next month

Kim-Recycle meeting just going over budget and budget approval

Mat-none

Carrie-none

Todd-none

Patti-none

Scott-none

Doc Findley spoke about Kathy balanced the budget and that's what she did. He spoke about the Health First fund. Also, about the carryover in the fund. The turnover within the health dept and changes that have been done.

With no further business to come before council, Kim made a motion to adjourn,  
second by Patti. All in favor. Meeting ended @ 5:50pm.

Deane M. Call:

Scott Hagan

James J. Burkard

Walt Logan

Jim Heston-Hagan

Scott Hagan

Attest:

Gayle Sullivan  
Gayle Sullivan, Auditor  
Switzerland County, Indiana