

SWITZERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

~~March 20, 2025~~

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

April 24, 2025

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

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

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

Approval of the minutes from the March 17, 2025 joint meeting. Patti made a motion to approve and Scott second. All in favor.

Approval of the minutes from the March 20, 2025 meeting. Scott made a motion to approve and Kim second. All in favor.

Old Business

a. Discussion about office hours and elected officials. The attorney has reached out but has not heard anything back.

New Business

- a. EMA Board Opening-replacement of Mike Bear. Kim made a motion to nominate Patti Kappes and Mat second. All in favor.
- b. EMA grant-reimbursable grant for 33 radios for county fire departments. Scott made a motion to approve the invoice for \$149,689.25 to VEI with funds coming from casino revenue and Patti made a second. All in favor.
- c. 2025 Amended Salary Ordinance- Lance discussed the updates that were made and the overall format of the ordinance. Jefferson spoke on the ordinance. Carrie made a motion to approve the salary ordinance. Scott made a second. Lance, Kim, Scott, Carrie and Patti-Yay Mat-Nay Lance made a motion to approve an appropriation for \$35,530.00 for the general and \$1,403.00 for reassessment. Scott second. Lance, Kim, Scott, Carrie and Patti-Yay Mat-Nay
- d. Highway Dept wage increase- discussion was had about the increase that the commissioners had approved. Carrie made a motion to approve the increase for the highway dept. Lance made a second. Discussion was had amongst the council. All in favor.
- e. Appropriation for Highway dept- The appropriation would be \$14,688.00 from the council portion of the casino revenue. A motion was made by Kim and second by Carrie. All in favor.
- f. Highway OT-Dusty is asking for an additional \$10,000.00. Discussion was had about the amount of money that has been asked for and what has been spent. Mat made a motion to increase the amount that was asked to \$45,000.00 and take the money from council casino revenue. Kim made a second. This money will be done in increments upon request from the clerk. All in favor.
- g. Highway appropriations-Mat made a motion to approve the moving of highway revenue to 5225 and 4211. Kim second. All in favor.
- h. Other topics-Carrie spoke about moving the old videos from Facebook to a YouTube channel that she had created. Mat talked about SB1 and the impact that it could have on the county's revenue. Jon Bond spoke about casino revenue and the decline.

## Board Reports

Patti-EMA meeting March 26<sup>th</sup>, Tom spoke about training and the radios. Upgrade sirens and a tornado shelter in Patriot.

Carrie-no

Mat-no

Scott- no

Lance-moved to Tuesday  
Kim-meeting in mid May

## Adjournment

With no further business to come before council, Kim made a motion to adjourn, second by Scott. Meeting ended @ 6:06.

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Ken Hetherington - Finance

Scott Sullivan

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Attest:

Gayle Sullivan

Gayle Sullivan, Auditor  
Switzerland County, Indiana