

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

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

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

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

Approval of the minutes from the February 12, 2025 meeting. Kim made a motion and Todd second. All in favor.

**Old Business**

- a. Dusty Hunt-Hwy appropriation asking to make an appropriation from line 1176-3800 to 1176-6363 for repairs of damaged truck in the amount of \$5,618.55. Mat asked about the overtime that has been spent and the possibility of more.
- b. Salary Ordinance-discussion was had about the vote that was taken on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January. Discussion was had about the increases, the balance in the general fund, judge and prosecutor's salaries and hourly and salary employees. Mat brought up the two days that were paid at the 25' rate and were worked in 24'. Those will be taken care of. He also brought up the hour's employees were paid for because of salary/hourly mix up, which these have been taken care of. Lance made a motion to have the attorney to update the salary ordinance with all full-time employees going to hourly with the exception of elected official, judicial and prosecutor employees. Also modify the ordinance to remove the amount per check column with the ordinance taking effect January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Scott made a second. Discussion was had amongst the council. Yay-Scott, Todd, Lance and Carrie. Nay-Mat and Kim. Patti abstained.
- c.

**New Business**

- a. Kyle Weaver-Annual report-Kyle went over the annual report from the Extension office. He spoke about the things that are going on within the Extension Office. He also introduced Hailey Dornbusch. She spoke about the things that she will be bringing to the program.
- b. Kathy Slawson-she is asking for an increase in the Registrar position from \$36,000.00 to \$40,000.00. Discussion was had about what this position will be doing and taking on more responsibilities. Kim made a motion to approve the increase from \$36,000.00 to \$40,000.00. Patti second. All in favor.
- c. Sheriff Brian Morton-Lance spoke about an increase that was missed for a deputy for training that he took and completed. The increase should be \$1,500.00. Scott made a motion to approve the increase of \$1,500.00 and Lance second. All in favor.
- d. County website-the commissioners have decided to go with the free website. If this doesn't work the commissioners will reevaluate the site with the possibility of going the next step. Discussion was had about all of our meetings that have been live that will go away at the beginning of May. Suggestions were made to create a you-tube channel for the public to review.

- e. Sound system-evaluate how the meeting are going at the Tech building and go from there.

**Board Reports**

Patti-none

Todd-meet next week

Carrie-no

Mat-no

Scott-first fire chief's meeting, radios are in. Tom is also organizing training in April. Fire Chiefs are concerned about the casino revenue they will be receiving. \$67,500.00 is a rough estimate that Moorefield Fire Dept spends to stay open every year.

Lance-no

Kim-Recycling had a meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup> in Versailles. Preparations for events that will be coming. Board voted to buy two new trucks to better serve.

Mat spoke about the information he got from State Board of Accounts. He spoke about office hours.

Discussion was had about the audit that was done at the end of the in 2024.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to come before council, Carrie made a motion to adjourn, second by Kim. Meeting ended @ 6:34.

Dave M. Cole

Kim Sullivan - Finance

Scotty

Mat

10:11 PM

Attest:

Garye Sullivan

Garye Sullivan, Auditor  
Switzerland County, Indiana