

JOINT SPECIAL MEETING – MONDAY AT 5:00 P.M.

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

Those present: Council members: Andy Haskell, Todd Chase, Lance Collier, Lisa Fisher, Mike Bear and Eric Swank. Commissioners: Jamie Peters, Jerry Monjar and Randy Leap. County Auditor: Gayle Sullivan. County Manager: Pete Swango. County Attorney: Pat McGrath

The meeting was opened at 5:00p.m. by Commissioner Jamie Peters with a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Topic of Discussion – IC Code 36-1-8-9 and 36-2-3.5-4

Jamie started the meeting off by discussing his reason for calling the meeting and hopefully come to an agreement about the public funds (casino revenue). Jamie then hands the meeting over to Pat McGrath, County Attorney. Pat then speaks about the Commissioners being the executive branch and the council being the fiscal branch. He also speaks about authority of each branch and his interpretation of the IC code 36-1-8-9 and 36-2-3.5-4. He also states the Commissioners have the home rule Power. Discussion was had about the MOU and the need for one or not the need for one. Gayle Rayles explained what the MOU did when she was in office. MOU would be an agreement between the NG entity and the county stating what the purpose of the money is for. If the Commissioners approved the request, then both the NG entity and the Commissioners would sign off on the MOU and then the check would be cut. Discussion was had amongst everyone including the public. Jamie also talks about how public funds can be spent. IC code 36-1-8-9 it states legal or corporate purpose of the unit.

More discussion from the audience as well as the council and commissioners. At the end of the meeting nothing was resolved and no motion was given and no vote taken.

There being no further discussion, Lisa made a motion to adjourn and Eric seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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Attest: 
Gayle Sullivan, Auditor Switz. Co