

WELLS COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION January 8, 2019

The Wells County Council met in regular session Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at 7PM in the Wells County Carnegie Annex Building, 223 W Washington St., Bluffton, IN. Present at the meeting were: Todd Mahnensmith, Jim Oswalt, Chuck King, Vicki Andrews, and Auditor Lisa McCormick. Council Members Mike Mossburg, Steve Huggins and Seth Whicker were absent.

Re-organization of Board: Auditor Lisa McCormick asked for nominations for President and Vice President of County Council for 2019. Motion made by Chuck King, seconded by Jim Oswalt to appoint Todd Mahnensmith as President. Motion carried 4-0. Motion made by Todd Mahnensmith, seconded by Jim Oswalt to appoint Mike Mossburg as Vice-President. Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes: Motion made by Chuck King, seconded by Vicki Andrews to approve the minutes from December 21, 2018. Motion carried 4-0.

Additional: Local Income Tax Economic Development: \$5,250 to Regional Sewer District Salary, \$588 to retirement, \$402 to Social Security, \$1,500 to Mayors and Commissioners Caucus, \$1,500 to 4-H premiums, \$1,500 to Street Fair assistance, \$10,000 to Wells County Historical Society, \$10,000 to Wells Community Swimming Pool, \$53,000 to Wells County Council on Aging, \$5,000 to fireworks, \$15,000 to Family Centered Services, \$1,000 to Upper Wabash River, \$1,400 to Maumee River Basin and \$1,000 to Mental Health Association. Also, 20.205 Bridge 106 for \$82,380. Chuck King motioned and Jim Oswalt seconded to approve all Additional Appropriations. Motion Carried 4-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Holliday reported 96 inmates, of those 23 are DOC and 16 are F6 DOC. Sheriff Holliday also provided his monthly and annual reports including report of Officer Activity for 2018 and the Commissary Fund report. Jail Commander Karen Thompson accompanied Sheriff Holliday to request an hourly pay increase for part-time jailers. Thompson also requested an increase in hours for part time jailers; the request was for the employee(s) to work over 30 hours on a weekly basis to help with shortages in full time staffing. Vicki Andrews motioned and Jim Oswalt seconded to increase the part-time jailer hourly rate to a range from \$13.00 to \$15.00 and to allow additional hours to be worked over 30 for part- time jailers. Motion carried 4-0.

Letter of Financial Commitment: Jim Oswalt motioned and Chuck King seconded to approve and sign the letter of financial commitment for the Community Crossing Matching Grant Application. The local fund match amount from Rainy Day, \$234,864.67 and CEDIT/LOIT-R Funds, \$98,468.66 would equal a total match amount of \$333,333.33. Motion carried 4-0.

Educator Reimbursement: Molly Hoag and Bill Horan presented the Annual Purdue Extension Office contractual agreement for the Educator reimbursement for 2019. Chuck King motioned and Vicki Andrews seconded to approve and sign the agreement. Motion carried 4-0.

Investment Policy 2019: Treasurer Kathy Peeper presented a revised Investment Policy for 2019 (Misc. 2019-01) Peeper will invest and distribute the interest into 8 different funds. The distribution of funds will be evaluated annually. Vicki Andrews motioned and Chuck King seconded to approve and sign the policy. Motion carried 4-0.

Board Appointments: Motion made by Chuck King, seconded by Jim Oswalt to re-appoint Vicki Andrews to the Chamber of Commerce Board, Steve Huggins to the Economic Development Board, Todd Mahnensmith to the EMA Advisor Board and the EMS Board, and Chuck King to the Solid Waste Board. Motion carried 4-0.

Adjourned: 7:45 PM Motion made by Jim Oswalt, seconded by Vicki Andrews to adjourn.

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President, Todd Mahnensmith

Vice President, Mike Mossburg

Attest: Lisa McCormick, Wells County Auditor