

WELLS COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION February 4, 2020

The Wells County Council met in regular session Tuesday, February 4, 2020, at 7PM in the Wells County Carnegie Annex Building, 223 W Washington St., Bluffton, IN. Present at the meeting were: Mike Mossburg, Steve Huggins, Todd Mahnensmith, Chuck King, Vicki Andrews, and Auditor Lisa McCormick. Council members Seth Whicker and Jim Oswald were absent.

Minutes: Motion made by Steve Huggins, seconded by Vicki Andrews to approve the minutes from the January 7, 2020 meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Transfers-Transfers were approved for the Highway Department and Local Road & Street. Local Road & Street transferred \$450,000.00 from Hot Mix to Highway Equipment. The Highway budget transferred \$450,000 from Highway Equipment to Hot Mix. Chuck King motioned and Todd Mahnensmith seconded to approve the transfers. Motion carried 5-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Holliday reported 84 inmates, 28 pretrial Superior, 23 pretrial Circuit, 6 DOC and 14 F6 DOC. Holliday submitted the January reports as well as the 2019 Annual Jail Report. The Sheriff asked Council approval to have updated photographs taken of the current sheriff personnel. He suggested paying for it out of the Commissary account. Photographs are not considered an allowable expense out of Commissary unless approved by County Council. Motion made by Chuck King, seconded by Vicki Andrews to allow that expense out of Commissary, not to exceed \$1,000. Motion carried 5-0.

Economic Development Annual Report: Economic Development Director Chad Kline presented his 2019 Annual Report. Chad went over the Key Activities including business expansion & retention, Industrial attraction, education & information, workforce development, collaboration & networking and revolving loan funding. The report indicated \$99.4 million in New Investment, 28 new jobs and \$1,000,000 in new payroll. The 2020 projects include continued broadband growth, housing development, promote Wells County to increase tourism, population attraction and population retention. and facilitate training programs for employers, among others.

Joint Executive Session: The Wells County Commissioners expressed interest in having a joint Executive Session for a discussion on the Highway Garage. Some dates and times will be sent out and confirmed for later in February.

Adjourned: 7:30 PM Motion made by Steve Huggins, seconded by Chuck King to adjourn.

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President, Mike Mossburg

Vice President, Steve Huggins

Attest: Lisa McCormick, Wells County Auditor

