

WELLS COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION March 2, 2021

The Wells County Council met in regular session Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at 7PM in the Wells County Carnegie Annex Building, 223 W Washington St., Bluffton, IN. Present at the meeting were: Steve Huggins, Seth Whicker, Chuck King, Vicki Andrews, Scott Elzey, Jim Oswalt was in attendance virtually, and Auditor Lisa McCormick. Todd Mahnensmith was absent.

Minutes: Motion made by Seth Whicker, seconded by Vicki Andrews to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2021 Regular Session. Motion carried 6-0.

Transfers: Motion made by Chuck King, seconded by Vicki Andrews to approve the transfers in the General fund for the Clerk and Sheriff; also, within Local Road & Street and the Highway Fund. Motion carried 6-0.

Additional Appropriations: Motion made by Seth Whicker, seconded by Chuck King to approve the Additional Appropriation requests for the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Grant fund and the Wells County CASA Grant fund. Motion carried 6-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Holliday reported 75 inmates, of those 29 are pretrial Superior, 19 are pretrial Circuit, 9 are DOC and 13 are F6 DOC. Monthly reports were also presented.

Economic Development Annual Report: Economic Development Director Chad Kline presented his 2020 Annual Report. Chad went over the Key Activities including business expansion & retention, industrial attraction, education & information, workforce development, tourism, collaboration & networking and revolving loan funding. The report indicated \$96.8 million in New Investment, 431 new jobs and \$15.4 million in new payroll. The 2021 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.

Resolution establishing Policies and Procedures for Public Meetings: A joint resolution for the Council and Commissioners was presented to Council for comment. This resolution establishes policies and procedures to protect decorum and foster effective administration of public meetings. IC 36-2-4, Chapter 4, sets Legislative procedural rules for meetings. Following a brief discussion, Steve Huggins suggested the resolution be tabled until all Council members could be present for further consideration and comment. Council would like the Commissioners input concerning a joint resolution prior to the April meeting.

Adjourned: 7:45PM Motion made by Seth Whicker, seconded by Vicki Andrews to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0.

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President, Steve Huggins

Vice President, Seth Whicker

Attest: Lisa McCormick, Wells County Auditor

