

## WELLS COUNTY COUNCIL

### REGULAR SESSION May 4, 2021

The Wells County Council met in regular session Wednesday, May 4, 2021, at 7PM in the Wells County Carnegie Annex Building, 223 W Washington St., Bluffton, IN. Present at the meeting were: Steve Huggins, Chuck King, Jim Oswalt, Todd Mahnensmith, Seth Whicker, Vicki Andrews, Scott Elzey and Auditor Lisa McCormick.

**Minutes:** Motion made by Seth Whicker, seconded by Todd Mahnensmith to approve the minutes from April 6, 2021 meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

**Transfers:** Motion made by Todd Mahnensmith, seconded by Chuck King to approve the transfer within the General Fund for the Circuit Court. Motion carried 7-0.

**Additional Appropriations:** Motion made by Vicki Andrews, seconded by Seth Whicker to approve the Additional Appropriation request for Statewide 9-1-1. Motion carried 7-0. Motion made by Chuck King, seconded by Jim Oswalt to approve the Additional Appropriation request for 20.205 Bridge 106. Motion carried 7-0.

**Wells County Sheriff:** Sheriff Holliday reported 73 inmates, 21 pretrial Superior, 20 pretrial Circuit, 16 F6 Doc and 8 DOC. The monthly activity report for April was presented to Council Members. Commissioner Kevin Woodward was on hand to share in a conversation regarding the jail renovation. Sheriff Holliday and Commissioner Woodward agreed that the renovation, energy, and roof enhancements should come before expanding to add jail beds. A joint presentation from Elevatis and Ameresco will tentatively be on the June Council agenda to go over cost.

**Haven Manufacturing SB-1 Resolution:** Wells County Economic Development Director Chad Kline presented an SB-1 for personal property tax abatement for new equipment for Council approval. The machinery cost is \$415,450 and will add 4 new employees to the company at an average wage of \$19.05 per hour. The abatement is for four years, 100% abatement for each year. Motion made by Seth Whicker, seconded by Vicki Andrews to approve Resolution 2021-07 for Haven Manufacturing SB-1. Motion carried 7-0.

**Haven Manufacturing:** Wells County Economic Development Director Chad Kline presented 6 CF-1 Compliance with Statement of Benefit forms for Haven Manufacturing. Two issued in 2011, one issued in 2014, one in 2018, and two issued in 2019. Motion made by Jim Oswalt, seconded by Chuck King to approve 6 CF-1 Compliance with Statement of Benefit forms for Haven Manufacturing. Motion Carried 7-0.

**2021 Budget Meeting Dates:** Budget meeting dates for departments will be August 10<sup>th</sup> from 8am-1pm. Additional meeting dates are scheduled for August 12, 17, and 19 at 6pm. The Public Hearing for Wells County, Wells County Solid Waste District and Rock Creek Conservancy is September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. The Adoption for Wells County, Wells County Solid Waste District and Rock Creek Conservancy is October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**American Rescue Plan Funds:** There was a brief discussion on the American Rescue Plan funds. Steve Huggins is interested in having a discussion at the Commissioner meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup>. This discussion

would center around forming a committee to make recommendations to the Commissioners and Council regarding spending options for the ARP funds.

**Audience Participation:** No audience participation.

**Adjourned:** 7:46PM Motion made by Vicki Andrews, seconded by Todd Mahnensmith to adjourn.

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President, Steve Huggins

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Vice President, Seth Whicker

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Attest: Lisa McCormick, Wells County Auditor