

WELLS COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION June 3, 2020

The Wells County Council met in regular session Tuesday, June 3, 2020, at 7PM in the Wells County Carnegie Annex Building, 223 W Washington St., Bluffton, IN. Present at the meeting were: Mike Mossburg, Todd Mahnensmith, Chuck King, Jim Oswalt, Vicki Andrews, Steve Huggins, Seth Whicker and Auditor Lisa McCormick.

Minutes: Motion made by Todd Mahnensmith, seconded by Seth Whicker to approve the minutes from May 6, 2020 meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Transfers: Motion made by Todd Mahnensmith, seconded by Vicki Andrews to approve a transfer in the General Fund for the Sheriff. Motion carried 7-0.

Additional Appropriations: Motion made by Jim Oswalt, seconded by Seth Whicker to approve the Additional Appropriation requests for the General Fund – Veterans and Commissioners; LIT-Economic Development Fund; Clerk’s Perpetuation Fund and LOIT Special Distribution Fund. Motion carried 7-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Holliday reported 61 inmates, 28 pretrial Superior, 12 pretrial Circuit, 9 F6 and 10 DOC. Sheriff Holliday also presented his monthly report to council members. Contracts for the Northern Wells and Southern Wells School Resource Officers (SRO) are up for renewal. Both school boards have approved their two-year contract. Sheriff Holliday updated the salary, health benefit, pension costs in the approved contracts. Sheriff Holliday signs the contracts but asked if Council had any objections. No objections were voiced. The Sheriff will sign and return the SRO contracts to each school district.

Ordinance 2020-10: County Attorney Roy Johnson presented an Ordinance Authorizing the Purchase of Real Estate for Additional Right of Way - Bridge 99. Bridge 99 is located at Hoosier Highway and Ash Road. The Ordinance allows the County to purchase additional right of way from the property owner to advance with the project. The Commissioners, as the County Executive, make orders concerning the sale and acquisition of county property; however, a conveyance or purchase by a county of land having a value of one thousand dollars or more must be authorized by an ordinance of the county fiscal body. Motion made by Chuck King, seconded by Steve Huggins to approve Ordinance 2020-10 authorizing the purchase of real estate and fix the terms for the additional right of way. Motion carried 7-0.

Haven Manufacturing: Wells County Economic Development Director Chad Kline presented 5 CF-1 Compliance with Statement of Benefit forms for Haven Manufacturing. Two issued in 2011, one issued in 2014 and two issued in 2019. Motion made by Vicki Andrews, seconded by Jim Oswalt to approve 5 CF-1 Compliance with Statement of Benefit forms for Haven Manufacturing. Motion Carried 7-0.

RSD Line of Credit: Nate Rumschlag and Mark Burry, representing the Wells County Regional Sewer District, were on hand to request a line of credit from Wells County Council. The RSD is requesting funding so they can start engineering services in advance of receiving revenue from grant applications or bonds. The goal of the RSD is to pay off the loan to the Rainy Day fund by mid-2021. The RSD is requesting a not to exceed line of credit of \$500,000. The funding would come from the Rainy Day fund. Those funds will have to go through the Additional Appropriation process and approved by the DLGF before they can draw on that funding. Motion made by Seth Whicker, seconded by Vicki Andrews to

approve Resolution 2020-06 Approving a Loan of Funds to the Wells County Regional Sewer District and fixing the terms for repayment. Motion carried 7-0.

2021 Budget Calendar: Council members set budget dates for the 2021 budget. Council will meet with all departments on August 11th with additional budget meetings on August 13, 18 and 20, 2020. The budget hearing is scheduled for September 8, 2020 and the budget adoption is scheduled for October 6, 2020.

Adjourn: Motion made by Steve Huggins, seconded by Todd Mahnensmith to adjourn at 8:27PM. Motion carried 7-0.

WELLS COUNTY COUNCIL

President, Mike Mossburg

Vice President, Steve Huggins

Attest: Lisa McCormick, Wells County Auditor