

WELLS COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION July 2, 2019

The Wells County Council met in regular session Tuesday, July 2, 2019, at 7PM in the Wells County Carnegie Annex Building, 223 W Washington St., Bluffton, IN. Present at the meeting were: Todd Mahnensmith, Steve Huggins, Chuck King, Jim Oswalt, Vicki Andrews, Mike Mossburg and Auditor Lisa McCormick. Seth Whicker was absent.

Minutes: Motion made by Steve Huggins, seconded by Jim Oswalt to approve the minutes from June 4, 2019 meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Transfers: Motion made by Mike Mossburg, seconded by Chuck King to approve the transfer request in the Community Correction Grant II fund. Motion carried 6-0.

Additional Appropriations: Motion made by Vicki Andrews, seconded by Jim Oswalt to approve the Additional Appropriation requests in the General Fund for the County Extension and Superior Court and for the funds 97.047 Mitigation Grant and Statewide 911. Motion carried 6-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Holliday reported 94 inmates, 31 Superior, 27 Circuit, of those 6 are DOC and 16 are F6 DOC. Sheriff Holliday informed the Council Members that he has had the rubber roof inspected. Some leakage has been a problem. A roofing professional inspected the roof and thought preventative maintenance should add another three to five years to the life of the roof. Holliday also reported on the HVAC unit on the administrative side of the Sheriff's department. The unit is the original unit installed in 1986 and parts are a challenge to find. The Sheriff had a feasibility study done on the unit and will report back with that information. Judge Antrim and Sheriff Holliday discussed Criminal Rule 26, which is effective January 1, 2020. Criminal Rule 26 requires that defendant's cases be analyzed, when they are booked into jail, based on current charges, past criminal history and their risk of not appearing in court. Judge Antrim is hopeful the county could handle the additional assessments with the current Probation staff or Community Corrections. Planning sessions are being utilized currently between the Courts, Probation, Community Corrections and the Sheriff's department on this issue.

Annex Generator: Administrator Marlene Hoag discussed the Annex Generator, which is not working at this time. The costs are \$3,000 to repair or \$19,300 to replace the generator. Council advised repairing the generator would be the best choice at this time. Marlene will send the paperwork to the state and be back to Council in August for an Additional Appropriation from the Health Department Trust Account.

Ordinance 2019-09: Ordinance 2019-09, Wells County Council approving the Wells County Public Library Issuance of Bonds, which was approved on June 10, 2019, was signed by Wells County Council.

2020 Budget Calendar: Council members set budget dates for the 2020 budget. Council will meet with all departments on August 13th with additional budget meetings on August 15, 19 and 20, 2019. The budget hearing is scheduled for September 3, 2019 and the budget adoption is scheduled for October 8, 2019.

Adjourned: 7:50 PM Motion made by Chuck King, seconded by Steve Huggins to adjourn.

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President, Todd Mahnensmith

Vice President, Mike Mossburg

Attest: Lisa McCormick, Wells County Auditor