

WELLS COUNTY COUNCIL

BUDGET SESSION August 20, 2019

The Wells County Council met in budget session Tuesday, August 20, 2019, at 6:00PM 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, Seth Whicker and Auditor Lisa McCormick.

Auditor Lisa McCormick informed the Council Members that the budget has been updated with all the changes they made from the prior meeting. Several figures were given to the council members to consider regarding pay increase for county employees.

Motion made by Mike Mossburg, seconded by Seth Whicker to cut 4 lines out of the Community Corrections budget in the General Fund. Two part time field officer lines were cut, vehicle repairs and indigent was cut for a total of \$41,780. Motion carried 7-0.

To implement the Jail 20 year Matrix plan the initial hit would be approximately \$86,000. Motion made by Seth Whicker, seconded by Mike Mossburg to implement the jail matrix for 2020. Motion carried 7-0. With the Matrix in place several lines could be cut from the jail budget; performance pay, shift supervisor, and lieutenant. The additional Sheriff Deputy and Jailer were not added to the 2020 budgeted positions.

All full time employees will received an increase of \$1,000, the Veteran Officer, Coroner, Attorney and part-time Prosecutor secretary will received an increase of \$500. Motion made by Steve Huggins, seconded by Seth Whicker to have no increase to the Commissioner and Council member annual salary. Motion carried 7-0.

Part-time personnel will increase 3%.

Motion made by Vicki Andrews, seconded by Chuck King to adjourn at 7:15PM.

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President, Todd Mahnensmith

Vice President, Mike Mossburg

Attest: Lisa McCormick, Wells County Auditor