

WELLS COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION 2022 BUDGET ADOPTION October 5, 2021

The Wells County Council met for a regular session and the 2022 Budget Adoption on Tuesday, October 5, 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, Jim Oswalt, Vicki Andrews, Todd Mahnensmith, Scott Elzey, and Auditor Lisa McCormick.

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

Transfers: Motion was made by Todd Mahnensmith, seconded by Vicki Andrews to approve the transfers in the General Fund for the Auditor, Coroner and Election Board; also, a transfer in Project Income, Highway Administration, Supp Adult Probation Srvc, CARES Act Infectious Disease and Community Corrections Grant 1. Motion carried 7-0.

Additional Appropriations: Motion was made by Jim Oswalt, seconded by Seth Whicker to approve the Additional Appropriation request in the General fund for the Sheriff's Department; also, Additional Appropriations for LIT Economic Development and the Wells County CASA Grant. Motion carried 7-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Holliday reported 70 inmates, 24 pretrial Superior, 21 pretrial Circuit, 13 F6 DOC and 5 DOC. September monthly reports were presented. Sherriff Holliday met with Jackson Construction, Ameresco and the Construction manager for renovation updates. The goal is to start with phase 1 the beginning of November 2021. A temporary intake area will be created for use while the future intake area is under construction. Jackson Construction is anticipating an end date of August 2022, total construction is to be completed by September 2022.

2022 Sheriff's Salary Contract: Motion was made by Vicki Andrews, seconded by Todd Mahnensmith to approve the 2022 Sheriff Salary Contract (Misc. 2021-11). Motion carried 7-0.

Regional Sewer District Update: The Murray project is on schedule; the Liberty Center project is behind. Supply issues as well as poor soil is keeping the project at a slow pace. The Wells County Regional Sewer District was awarded \$5,000,000 from the Indiana Finance Authority from the State Water Infrastructure Fund. These funds will be for the design and construction of the second phase of projects. The second phase include Tocsin, Craigville, and Ossian. Nate Rumschlag, Leon Berning, and Mark Burry were on hand for the updates.

Resolution 2021-22: A resolution was presented to Wells County Council determining a need for the County Highway Garage facility and the execution of a lease for financing. IC 36-1-10-7 provides that the Board of County Commissioners of Wells County, Indiana may not lease a structure unless the County Council of Wells County, Indiana, acting as fiscal body of Wells County, Indiana, determines, after investigation, that the structure is needed. Motion was made by Vicki Andrews, seconded by Seth Whicker to approve Resolution 2021-22 determining a need for the County Highway Garage facility and the execution of a lease for financing. Motion carried 7-0.

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Wells County: Motion was made by Vicki Andrews, seconded by Todd Mahnensmith, to approve the 2022 Wells County Budget in the amount of \$23,432,620 “Ordinance No. 2021-17”. Motion carried 7-0.

Wells County Solid Waste District: Motion was made by Seth Whicker, seconded by Jim Oswalt to approve the 2022 Wells County Solid Waste District Budget in the amount of \$225,866 “Ordinance No. 2021-18”. Motion carried 7-0.

Rock Creek Conservancy: Motion was made by Todd Mahnensmith, seconded by Vicki Andrews to approve the 2022 Rock Creek Conservancy budget in the amount of \$85,300 “Ordinance No. 2021-19”. Motion carried 7-0.

2022 Meeting Dates: Motion was made by Todd Mahnensmith, seconded by Vicki Andrews to approve the 2022 meeting dates for County Council. Motion carried 7-0.

2022 Salary Ordinance: Motion was made by Seth Whicker, seconded by Todd Mahnensmith to approve the 2022 Salary Ordinance 2021-20. Motion carried 7-0.

2022 Surveyor Compensation: Motion was made by Vicki Andrews, seconded by Todd Mahnensmith to approve Ordinance No. 2021-21 fixing the Compensation of the County Surveyor. Motion carried 7-0. The 2022 salary of the surveyor is that of a non-registered surveyor.

Adjourned: 7:55PM Motion was made by Seth Whicker, seconded by Jim Oswalt to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0.

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President, Steve Huggins

Vice President, Seth Whicker

Attest: Lisa McCormick, Wells County Auditor