

WELLS COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION December 23, 2024

Wells County Council met in regular session December 23, 2024, at 1:30PM in the Wells County Carnegie Annex, 223 W Washington St., Bluffton, IN. Present at the meeting were: Seth Whicker, Vicki Andrews, Steve Huggins, Brandon Harnish, Scott Elzey and Auditor Lisa McCormick. Brian Lambert and Todd Mahnensmith were absent.

Minutes: A motion was made by Vicki Andrews, seconded by Scott Elzey to approve the minutes from December 3, 2024, meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Transfers: A motion was made by Brandon Harnish, seconded by Vicki Andrews to approve the transfers in the General Fund for the Sheriff, Coroner, Circuit Court, Jail & the IT Department, also the transfers in the Reassessment and Supp Adult Probation Service funds. Motion carried 5-0.

EMA Wage Discussion: An updated job description was presented to the County Council for the EMA Director. Commissioner Jeff Stinger was on hand to discuss the job description and the EMA Director wage. Some applications have been received by the Commissioners for the EMA Director position. The Commissioners would like to expand the responsibilities of the EMA Director and with that increase the wage. Currently the Commissioners have conducted five interviews for the position. Stringer suggested increasing the wage to be competitive with surrounding counties. A motion was made by Steve Huggins, seconded by Brandon Harnish to approve a wage of up to \$65,000 to be effective at the time of the appointment of the EMA Director in 2025. Motion carried 5-0.

Transfer of Funds Within Account Sequence: A motion was made by Vicki Andrews, seconded by Steve Huggins to allow the Auditor to make transfers within account sequence for 2025. Motion carried 5-0.

Area Plan Alternate Board Appointment: A motion was made by Vicki Andrews, seconded by Brandon Harnish to appoint Scott Elzey as the Area Plan Board Alternate if Vicki Andrews is unable to attend a meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjourned: 1:48 PM, the motion was made by Brandon Harnish, seconded by Steve Huggins to adjourn.

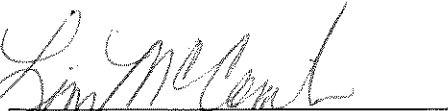
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Attest: Lisa McCormick, Wells County Auditor