

**WELLS COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR SESSION JULY 20, 2026**

The Wells County Solid Waste Management District met in regular session at 4PM in the Wells Carnegie Annex, Bluffton, Indiana. In attendance were Blake Gerber, Scott Mentzer, Vicki Andrews, Stephanie Tucker, Janella Stronczek, District Attorney Ted Storer and District Controller Lisa McCormick. Michael Vanover and Jeff Stringer were absent.

Minutes-A motion was made by Scott Mentzer, seconded by Vicki Andrews to approve the Regular Session Solid Waste minutes from June 15, 2026, as presented. Motion carried 4-0-1, Stephanie Tucker abstained.

Claims-A motion was made by Vicki Andrews to approve 17 claims totaling \$88,796.89, seconded by Stephanie Tucker. Motion carried 5-0.

Cash on Hand-Lisa McCormick reported cash on hand of \$83,003.93.

Supervisor Report-Recycling Center Supervisor Kevin Poling reported 1366 patrons have utilized the Recycling Center in June, 815 to date in July.

Waste Tire Grant-The grant agreement has been received by the Solid Waste district for the Waste Tire grant. Board President Gerber proposed a date for collecting tires of August 29th from 8am-1pm at the Highway garage. The grant reimburses \$500 for advertising, Controller McCormick requested advertising possibilities with the News-Banner or the Electronic billboard. It was determined that the electronic billboard will be used for advertising up to \$500, and August 29th from 8am-1pm be the date and time for the collection of tires.

2027 Solid Waste Budget-The 2027 Solid Waste budget was presented to the Solid Waste board for review. The proposed budget for 2027 totaled \$274,931.00. A motion was made by Scott Mentzer, seconded by Stephanie Tucker to approve the 2027 budget as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Investment-Controller McCormick requested CD rates from 5 area banking institutions. Three came back with proposals. A motion was made by Stephanie Tucker, seconded by Vicki Andrews to re-invest \$100,000 with 1st Source Bank for 6 months at a rate of 4.05%. Motion carried 5-0.

Adjourn-Wells County Solid Waste adjourned at 4:08. The motion was made by Scott Mentzer, seconded by Vicki Andrews to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice-President, Scott Mentzer

ATTEST: _____

Lisa McCormick, Controller