

COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES – OCTOBER 13, 2020 – 7:00 PM
SULLIVAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE – SULLIVAN SUPERIOR COURT ROOM

Tim Abrams called the Public Hearing to order, all stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call – Members present:

Tim Abrams – President; Nick Cullison - Member; Duane Wampler – Member; Larry Kinnett – Member; Jerry Payne - Member; Curt Bedwell – Member; Logan Pearison – Vice President, absent.

Tim re-convened the Budget – Public Hearing Meeting.

Solid Waste

Tim started with the budget for Sullivan County Solid Waste Management District proposed 2021 Budget. Tim asked the public if anyone had any comments on the Solid Waste Budget. There being no comments, Duane Wampler, made a motion to accept the 2021 Budget for the Sullivan County Solid Waste Management District as proposed. seconded by Curt, all in favor, motion carried.

DLGF

Tim stated that the county received notice today, that DLGF had approved Sullivan County to receive an increase to the County’s 2021 maximum permissible levy in the amount of \$253,985 which is a one-time increase. (See Exhibit A)

Sullivan County Budget

Tim asked if anyone had any comments concerning the Sullivan County Budget.

Duane said one thing for the Council to think about an additional appropriation after the first of the year, is to reinstate the County insurance to the part-time elected officials.

Nick made a motion to accept the 2021 Sullivan County Budget as proposed, seconded by Curt, all in favor motion carried.

Curt made a motion to reconvene to October 26, 2020 at 7 pm, for the Adoption Meeting For the budgets, seconded by Nick, all in favor, motion carried.

Sullivan County Council

Tim Abrams *Tim Abrams*

Logan Pearison *Logan Pearison*

Nick Cullison *Nick Cullison*

Jerry Payne _____

Duane Wampler *Duane Wampler*

Larry Kinnett *Larry Kinnett*

Curt Bedwell *Curt Bedwell*

Attest: Shelly Hiatt Parris, Auditor *Shelly Hiatt Parris*

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DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE
100 NORTH SENATE AVENUE
IGC-N, ROOM N1058
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204

IN THE MATTER OF THE REVIEW)
OF THE PETITION FROM SULLIVAN)
COUNTY PURSUANT TO) A20-005
IC 6-1.1-18-30)

FINAL DETERMINATION

The Department of Local Government Finance ("Department") has reviewed the request of Sullivan County ("County") for an increase to its maximum property tax levy. Having considered the request, the Department now finds the following:

1. IC 6-1.1-18-30 provides for the following:
 - a. The executive of the County may, upon approval by the fiscal body of the County, submit a petition to the Department for an increase in the County's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy under IC 6-1.1-18.5 for property taxes due and payable in 2021.
 - b. The Department shall increase the above stated maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levies for the County in an amount equal to the difference between:
 - i. the lesser of:
 1. the County's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy under IC 6-1.1-18.5 for property taxes due and payable in 2020; or
 2. the ad valorem property tax levy adopted by the County fiscal body for property taxes due and payable in 2020; and
 - ii. the County's ad valorem property tax levy as certified by the Department for property taxes due and payable in 2020.
2. On August 31, 2020, the County Auditor submitted to the Department a petition including the resolution of the County Council requesting an increase of \$253,985.
3. The County's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy for property taxes due and payable in 2020 is \$7,795,427.
4. The ad valorem property tax levy adopted for the County for property taxes due and payable in 2020 is \$8,809,949.
5. The lesser of the amounts stated in Paragraphs 3 and 4 is \$7,795,427.
6. The County's ad valorem property tax levy as certified by the Department for property taxes due and payable in 2020 is \$7,141,839.

7. The difference between the amounts stated in Paragraphs 5 and 6 is \$655,588 ($\$7,795,427 - \$7,141,839 = \$655,588$). The Department will approve the lesser of this amount and the amount requested by the County, which is \$253,985.
8. The amount by which the County's maximum permissible property tax levy is to be increased for 2020-pay-2021 is \$253,985.

Final Determination

WHEREFORE, based on the above findings and applicable law, the Department hereby APPROVES an increase to the County's 2021 maximum permissible levy in the amount of two hundred and fifty-three thousand nine hundred eighty-five dollars (\$253,985). This is a one-time, temporary increase.

Dated this 9th day of October, 2020.

STATE OF INDIANA
DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE

Wesley R. Bennett

Wesley R. Bennett, Commissioner
Department of Local Government Finance