

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 11-16-2015

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday November 16, 2015 at 9:30AM in the Commissioner's Room of the Wells County Carnegie Annex, Bluffton, IN. Those in attendance were Commissioners, Blake Gerber, Kevin Woodward and Tamara Dunmoyer. Also in attendance were County Attorney, Roy Johnson and County Auditor, Beth Davis.

Minutes: Motion made by Tamara Dunmoyer, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the minutes from November 2, 2015 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll & Claims: Motion made by Tamara Dunmoyer, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #23 in the amount of \$201,022.66 and 275 claims totaling \$ 444,900.87.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 88 inmates, 4 are DOC.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Ed Herman updated the commissioners on the projects the highway department is working on. Ed informed the commissioners that the engineer bids were opened last week for Bridge #193 and the low bid came in \$90,659.00 less than the estimate. Three bids were received and the low bid was from Pioneer and Associates at \$1,430,341.02.

Wells County Highway Engineer: Toby Steffen, with Butler Fairman Seufert informed the commissioners that he is working on the 2016 list for culvert repairs. Toby checked with INDOT and the county can add "No Jake Breaking" signs to the INDOT signs on the state highways. Toby stated that he wasn't sure if an ordinance needed to be in place before the signs were added or if the county already had an ordinance. The commissioners will check to see if an ordinance already exists. Toby provided the additional right of way easements for the Jay County side of county road 1200 S. Motion made by Tamara Dunmoyer, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve and sign the right of ways. Motion carried 3-0. Toby provided a contract from INDOT to install a flashing stop sign at the intersection of state road 218 at 300 west, this contract will replace the previous contracts for state road 116 at 300 west, and state road 124 at 300 west so all three locations are now on the same contract. Motion made by Tamara Dunmoyer, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the contract with INDOT (Misc. 2015-17). Motion carried 3-0.

Wabash River Heritage Corridor Commission and Area Plan Commission Appointments: The Commissioners have contacted a couple of people for recommendations for the appoint to the Wabash River Heritage Corridor and they are still waiting on a response. The Area Plan Director, Michael Lautzenheiser Jr. has asked the board of commissioners to make their two appointments to the Area Plan Commission before the end of the year so the board member can be notified in time for the first meeting in January. The commissioners asked the Auditor to run an ad in the News Paper to see if anyone is interested in serving on the committee's.

BIS Digital Recordings Contract: County Attorney Roy Johnson has not received the contract from Superior Court regarding the BIS Digital Recordings system to review.

Blanket Bond: Auditor, Beth Davis informed the commissioners that she is working on quotes for a new blanket bond to comply with changes made to IC 5-4-1-18 by Senate Enrolled Act 393.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 9:56 AM

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Tamara Dunmoyer

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor