

## Wells County Commissioners

### Regular Session 2-1-2016

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday February 1, 2016 at 9AM in the Commissioner's Room of the Wells County Carnegie Annex, Bluffton, IN. Those in attendance were Commissioners, Blake Gerber, Kevin Woodward and Tamara Robbins. Also in attendance were County Attorney, Roy Johnson and County Auditor, Beth Davis.

**Minutes:** Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the minutes from January 19, 2016 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

**Payroll and Claims:** Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #3 in the amount of \$208,690.70 and 180 claims totaling \$334,771.42. Motion carried 3-0.

**Wells County Sheriff:** Sheriff Fisher reported 77 inmates, 9 are DOC. Sheriff Fisher informed the commissioners that a meeting is being scheduled for this month regarding the new radios that his department and the 911 dispatch center are looking at purchasing.

**Wells County Highway Supervisor:** Ed Herman informed the commissioners that state road 218 in Adams County will be closed in April of this year to put a new deck on a bridge. Ed asked the commissioners if they would like to pass an ordinance for no truck traffic on county road 300 south between 800 east and Church Road. He is concerned that trucks will be using county road 300 South between 800 east and Church Road to bypass the project. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to have the county attorney review and prepare an ordinance for no truck traffic on 300 south between county road 800 east and Church Road. Motion carried 3-0. Ed also informed the commissioners that he has contacted Republic Services regarding trash dumpsters being place to close to the county roads but nothing seems to be getting done. The commissioners and county attorney, Roy Johnson asked Ed to contact the homeowners to see if they can request the dumpsters to be moved. Ed let the commissioners know that an INDOT meeting for bridge #193 has been scheduled for February 10, 2016 at 1:00pm in the Fort Wayne office. Commissioner Woodward stated that he has been working with Ed on getting the highway trucks out earlier in the day to start plowing snow or applying salt to the roads.

**Wells County Highway Engineer:** Toby Steffen, with Butler Fairman Seufert informed the commissioners that he is working with Ed on the small stream structures to be replaced this year. They are planning on 10 projects in 2016.

**Northeastern Indiana Coordinating Council Report:** Since there has been so much talk about road conversions in Wells County, the commissioners asked Dan Avey, Executive director for the Northeastern Indiana Coordinating Council to come and discuss road conversion. Mr. Avery provided updated federal functional maps for the county and the commissioners stayed after the meeting to review the information on the maps. The maps provided road functions and traffic counts for the roads in the county.

**Cemetery Vandalism:** County attorney, Roy Johnson informed the commissioners that he has been contacted by the insurance company regarding the claim that was filed for the vandalism at the county

owned cemetery. Roy referred them to the Lancaster township trustee since he had more information regarding the claim.

**Adjourned:** Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 9:28 AM

**Wells County Commissioners**

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President, Blake Gerber

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Vice President, Kevin Woodward

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Tamara Robbins

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor