

Wells County Commissioners

Regular Session 2-16-2016

The Wells County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday February 16, 2016 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 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 February 1, 2016 regular session. Motion carried 3-0.

Payroll and Claims: Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Payroll #4 in the amount of \$203,838.58 and 177 claims totaling \$266,100.00. Motion carried 3-0.

Wells County Sheriff: Sheriff Fisher reported 72 inmates, 7 are DOC. Sheriff Fisher, County Attorney Roy Johnson and the Board of Commissioners discussed the new law IC 11-12-5-9 which went into effect September 1, 2015. IC 11-12-5-9 requires sheriffs, in consultation with the county executive, to assist offenders incarcerated for 30 days or more in applying for Medicaid coverage. The sheriff has received a contract from his vendor and he has forwarded the contract to the county attorney for his review. County Attorney Roy Johnson is also reviewing the contract to participate in additional health coverage opportunities between the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration and the County Executive of Wells County.

Wells County Highway Supervisor: Ed Herman informed the commissioners that the Bridge #193 project is scheduled to start on February 22, 2016 through June 29, 2016. A new employee with USI Consultants has been assigned as the Resident Project Representative for the construction of bridge #193. Motion made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve the engineer assignment letter. Motion carried 3-0. Regarding the Adams County Bridge Project, a motion was made by Tamara Robbins, seconded by Kevin Woodward to approve Ordinance No. 2016-01 "An Ordinance Restricting Truck Traffic on County Road 300 South Between County Road 800 East and Church Road". Motion carried 3-0. Ed informed the commissioners that he has sent out four letters to residents requested that they move their dumpster off of the right of ways. Discussed that a process is now in place for residents to request their roads to be converted from stone to chip and seal. An application is available through the county highway department for residents to fill out. A meeting has been set for February 25th for the right of ways to be signed by residents in Northern Union Township for 3 roads that are scheduled to be converted to chip and seal. The Board of Commissioners asked the County Attorney to draft an ordinance to repeal the ordinance that was adopted restricting Truck Traffic on Oak Road.

Wells County Bridge Inspection: Ben Beer with USI Consultants provided the Phase 2 – 2015 final bridge inspection report to the Board of Commissioners.

Permitting Excellence Coalition: Michael Lautzenheiser Jr. came before the commissioners again asking if they would like to join the Northeast Indiana Regional partnership Permitting Excellence Coalition. A scholarship has been provided to pay for the \$2,000 fee. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the Permitting Excellence Coalition (Misc. 2016-02). Motion carried 3-0.

Rock Creek Conservancy Director Appointment: A petition to Appoint Director to the Rock Creek Conservancy was presented to the Board of Commissioners. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to reappoint Roger McAfee as a Director to the Rock Creek Conservancy District. Motion carried 3-0.

Maximus Consulting Services Agreement: A contract to provide consulting services for a three year cost allocation plan was presented by County Auditor Beth Davis to the Board of Commissioners. Motion made by Kevin Woodward, seconded by Tamara Robbins to approve the agreement with Maximus Consulting Services, Inc. (Misc. 2016-03). Motion carried 3-0.

Jackson Township Eligibility Standards: The Jackson Township Eligibility Standards was presented to the Board of Commissioners. The standards follows the same standards as others townships in the county.

Adjourned: Wells County Commissioners adjourned at 10:06 AM

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President, Blake Gerber

Vice President, Kevin Woodward

Tamara Robbins

Attest: _____
Beth Davis, Wells County Auditor